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Violence casts doubt on
ISAF legacy in Helmand

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An Afghan policeman rides in the back of a truck during a patrol in Helmand province. Afghan forces sustained heavy casualties during fierce fighting in the province this summer.

Dempsey suggests American advisers needed in Anbar province

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — American military advisers are needed in Iraq's volatile Anbar province, which has taken over large chunks of the country.

There are currently 1,400 U.S. troops in Iraq, 600 of whom are involved in an advise-and-assist mission to help Iraqi government and Kurdish forces take on the Islamic State terrorist group, which has taken over large chunks of the country.

Of the 12 U.S. advisory teams, seven are based in a joint operations center in Baghdad, with the remainder at a similar facility in Irbil — the capital of the country's northern Kurdish region.

Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said

that in the future, American troops need to be deployed to another key area to help indigenous forces.

"We need to expand the train, advise and assist mission ... into the al-Anbar province," he told reporters at the Pentagon.

During the 2003-2011 Iraq War,

Anbar was the hotbed of the insurgency, and many U.S. troops lost their lives fighting there. It is now the scene of some of the fiercest combat between the Islamic State — an offshoot of al-Qaida in Iraq — and the Iraqi security forces.

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"There is so much negative publicity around sugar. So we've got to do a better job, obviously, in articulating our case in the role that candy plays in a balanced lifestyle. ... I think our message is clear. It's about balance and moderation."

— John Downs, head of the National Confectioners Association, on opposing the regulation of candy

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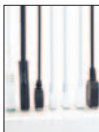
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MILITARY

Lawyer: Toss Marine's slaying charges

By JENNIFER HLAD
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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Charges refiled against a Marine who served six years for the 2006 killing of an Iraqi civilian should be dismissed, his civilian lawyer argued Thursday.

Sgt. Lawrence Hutchins III was convicted of unpremeditated murder, larceny and making a false official statement in the man's death and sentenced to 11 years in military prison in 2007, but his case was twice overturned, with the conviction thrown out because he was held in isolation for a week and denied access to a lawyer. He returned home to his family in Oceanside in 2013.

In January, the Marine Corps announced it would retry him for killing the Iraqi man in Hamdania.

Coming on the heels of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal and the killing of 24 civilians in Haditha by a different group of Marines, the Hamdania killing provoked outrage in the United States and Iraq.

Six other enlisted Marines and one Navy corpsman were convicted in the same case but served no more than 18 months.

In the last hearing before a trial set for January 2015, Hutchins' lawyer, Chris Oprison, tried to have the prosecutors and the judge, Navy Capt. Andrew Henderson, dismissed; argued that the case constitutes double jeopardy; and questioned witnesses about the decision to remove Hutchins from a job where he was thriving and to move him to one unrelated to his military specialty.

Henderson declined to recuse himself from the case, and though the prosecution violated one of his orders by adding a new prosecutor to the team, he ruled that disqualifying both officers would delay justice.

Oprison also asked Henderson to rule that the trial team could make a government-funded trip to Hamdania to talk to witnesses and



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Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins III, served six years of an 11-year sentence for the 2006 killing of an unarmed Iraqi man before his conviction was overturned.

to pursue more evidence, saying he doesn't believe Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents who investigated the killing did an adequate job.

"We don't trust them," Oprison said. But Lt. Col. Gerald Boyle, deputy intelligence officer for U.S. Marine Forces Central Command, said in telephone testimony that such a trip would be "very, very difficult, if not impossible" because the area around Hamdania is fiercely contested, with recent reports indicating Islamic State militants control 80 percent to 90 percent of Anbar province.

Henderson said he would issue a written ruling on the motion.

Hutchins worked at the Marksmanship

Training Unit here in 2010 after his conviction was overturned the first time, and returned to the unit after it was overturned again in 2013. But Col. Christopher Miner, the officer in charge of Legal Services Support Section West, testified he thought it seemed strange for a Marine who had been charged with murder to be training other Marines on "how to employ their weapons."

"It's not a very good optic," he said.

Miner called the commanding officer of Pendleton's Headquarters and Support Battalion, which oversees the Marksmanship Training Unit, and told him it "probably wasn't a good idea" to keep Hutchins there, he said.

The officer, now-retired Col. Michael Cordero, said he agreed with Miner's concerns.

At the time, Cordero said, he was searching for a Marine to help turn his logistics unit around, so he moved Hutchins there.

Hutchins was "the highlight of the S-4 shop," Cordero said, a "versatile, flexible and smart... superstar."

After Cordero turned over command of H&S Battalion to Col. Joseph Craft, Hutchins briefly returned to the marksmanship unit but soon was sent back to the logistics shop. Oprison argued that the moves to the logistics unit penalized Hutchins, and coupled with poor treatment during incarceration — including 10 months in solitary confinement — constitute unduly harsh punishment.

Testimony about why Hutchins was moved, and who signed off on the moves, was varied and contradictory, but all four officers agreed that Hutchins is an exemplary Marine who will thrive in any job.

Maj. Adam Workman, one of the two prosecutors in the case, told the court there was never any intent to punish Hutchins with the job moves.

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Americans in Bahrain urged to be vigilant after threat

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MANAMA, Bahrain — U.S. officials here are urging Americans living in the Persian Gulf kingdom to remain vigilant following an anonymous threat posted on a jihadist website calling for attacks against American and other Western teachers at international schools in the Middle East.

A message from the U.S. Embassy to American citizens and later posted on Naval Support Activity Bahrain's official Facebook

page, said "extremists groups and individuals continue to circulate information through social media and other messaging avenues to illicit attacks against those targets they deem to be anti-Islam and/or anti-Muslim."

The intent of the messages appears to be to frighten diplomats and other foreigners to leave Gulf nations.

The embassy's message comes amid increased force-protection measures and security warnings for U.S. military personnel. The Army sent a memo in September

warning against potential threats posed by the Islamic State, its followers and others influenced by radical Islam. Also, the U.S. European Command issued new guidance encouraging commands across Europe to examine their policies on wearing uniforms off base.

In late October, a court in Saudi Arabia sentenced 27 people to prison for planning a series of attacks against U.S. forces in Qatar and Kuwait, according to The Associated Press, citing official media reports.

Bahrain is home to the U.S. 5th Fleet and has about 8,200 U.S. personnel, including family members, living in the country. Many American children attend the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-operated Bahrain School in Juffair.

U.S. officials said they were reviewing the security of local schools. But they said they were unaware of any specific, credible threat against any American or other international schools.

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MILITARY

Medal OK'd for Inherent Resolve

By CHRIS CARROLL

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department on Friday announced that troops who deploy in support of current operations in Iraq and Syria are eligible for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Until now, there was uncertainty over what medal would be awarded to troops who participate in Operation Inherent Resolve.

The operation to combat Islamic State extremists who overran broad sections of Iraq this spring and summer remained unnamed for more than two months after

the United States initiated airstrikes in early August.

"This award provides immediate recognition to our service members supporting efforts to eliminate the terrorist group ISIL," — another name for the Islamic State — "and the threat they pose to Iraq, the region and the wider international community," the Pentagon said in its announcement of the expansion of eligibility.

A Friday memo from Jessica L. Wright, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said that troops operating in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in the following coun-

tries after June 15, were now eligible for the medal: Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

Troops supporting the operation in the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea east of 25 degrees longitude are also eligible.

The medal is approved retroactively beginning June 15, the Pentagon said.

The U.S. military has some 1,400 troops in Iraq providing security and advising Iraqi government and Kurdish troops.

That number could rise if U.S.

advisers begin supporting Sunni tribes battling the Islamic State in the Anbar province of western Iraq, a possibility Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey recommended Thursday.

Meanwhile, Air Force and Navy pilots have flown hundreds of airstrikes in Iraq and Syria since August 8, and thousands of troops are supporting operations from other locations in the Middle East.

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Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Report: Familiar, 'enduring' problems plague VA health system

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WASHINGTON — Overworked staff, inefficient hiring practices and inadequate technology continue to play havoc with patient scheduling at VA health centers, according to a new report — findings very similar to those in a 2008 study that the VA never acted on.

The reporting, done by the Northern Virginia Technology Council between Sept. 15 and Oct. 29, outlines persistent problems in both the work culture and scheduling practices of the VA less than two weeks before VA Secretary Bob McDonald's self-imposed Veterans Day deadline to implement major reforms to the scandal-plagued agency.

Compounding the many problems already brought to light by whistleblowers, the report says overwork is causing excessive

turnover, a problem compounded by a slow hiring process, which leads to inexperienced employees having trouble with the scheduling system.

Perhaps the most damning aspect of the report is reference to a 2008 study by Booz Allen Hamilton that found many of the same problems, and was apparently ignored.

"The recommendations of this report echo those of the earlier (Booz Allen Hamilton) wait times report and suggest that the issues identified are representative and enduring," the new report says.

Sometimes simple communication breakdowns between departments mean patient follow-up appointments get dropped, Bobbie Kilberg, president and CEO of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, said in a conference call Thursday.

In August, McDonald laid out

his Road to Veterans Day agenda. While the plan's goals were vaguely worded, one key change was "strengthening lines of communications," an area that came in for significant criticism in the report.

"It's amazing how many people just aren't talking to each other," Kilberg said.

The report was required as part of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, passed to overhaul the VA. It was based on visits to two Virginia VA health care centers, but Kilberg said she believes the findings and recommendations can be applied nationally.

"VA appreciates the work of the NVTCT, and notes that the majority of the findings in the report appear to be consistent with what VA has identified as areas of improvement, and in numerous cases, mitigation strategies

have begun to be implemented," according to a statement from the VA in response to the report. "VA looks forward to further evaluation of the recommendations to assess those that are feasible, advisable, and cost-effective for implementation."

Among the report's 11 recommendations:

■ The VA should redesign the human resources and recruitment process. Specifically, hiring is done too slowly due to an inefficient process and staffing problems.

■ VA should prioritize recruitment, retention and training for clinical and support staff. The VA hires reactively instead of proactively and many employees quit because they are overworked, causing high turnover.

■ The VA needs to pay people more to better compete with the private sector for employees.

■ The VA needs to replace antiquated scheduling technology and make better use of available technology.

Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., who was a catalyst for the report, visited several Virginia VA health care centers and said he was "astonished" to see some of the antiquated systems in use.

"They were basically cobbling together 1980s software," he said in the conference call.

While Warner remains supportive of McDonald, he said there is much still to be done to improve the VA's workplace.

"I look forward to continuing to work with Secretary McDonald to make sure these recommendations actually get implemented and don't just end up on a shelf," he said.

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IG: Former head of wounded warrior policy office bullied workers

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The former director of the Pentagon's Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy Office bullied and verbally abused employees, calling some stupid and referring to others as idiots, liars and criminals behind their backs, according to an Inspector General's investigation.

Philip A. Burdette — who left the position in March 2013 — also misused official time, rental vehicles, TDY schedules and expenses, and he improperly tried to use his influence on behalf of a subcontractor, according to the report, which was concluded in October 2013 but was not released until Monday, in redacted form.

The report recommended corrective action toward Burdette. The Pentagon did not immediately respond to questions as to whether or what type of actions were taken in the year since the report was issued. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported this week that the Pentagon confirmed Burdette

was transferred to the position of special adviser to the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, where he remains.

The IG also received six complaints from employees during a four-month period after Burdette became director in March 2011. He was responsible for oversight of policies related to wounded, ill and injured servicemembers.

Investigators asked 10 witnesses who worked closely with Burdette to provide any positive remarks regarding his leadership and actions with subordinates.

"Many stated he had no positive leadership characteristics," the report noted.

One witness who did not work for Burdette said that the director managed his staff "primarily by mocking and punishing subordinates."

The names of all witnesses were redacted from the report.

Eight witnesses described Burdette's behavior — during which he would routinely yell and scream — as "unchecked" by his direct superior, John R. Camp-

bell, deputy assistant secretary of defense for the wounded warrior office. Campbell announced he was leaving the position shortly after Burdette left in March 2013.

Campbell had taken a "laissez faire supervisory role" in regard to Burdette's behavior, witnesses told the IG.

Campbell testified that Burdette "holds people accountable" and "gets the job done."

But he also told investigators he'd had a conversation with Burdette regarding improvements needed on his leadership methods, suggesting he needed to be more patient and flexible with subordinates. Burdette testified that no such talk with Campbell had taken place.

According to the IG report, Burdette told investigators that his charge upon taking the director job had been to solve problems and that he "added discipline, accountability, and a sense of urgency to deliver results for wounded Service members and their families."

He admitted that he was suspicious of workers, testifying, "I have no problem with looking at another professional and saying, 'I think you are lying to me.'"

He said he would hang up the phone on workers if he considered the conversation unproductive and the subordinate was not listening to him.

In June 2011, Burdette had been scheduled to caddy at a charity golf tournament but instead used a contractor for the event, which the IG determined was outside the scope of the contractor's duties. Burdette told investigators that Campbell chose the contractor for the tournament.

In another instance, the IG found that Burdette had created the appearance of a conflict of interest with a subcontractor and attempted to influence the contract for the benefit of the subcontractor, according to the report.

Burdette had actually recused himself from participating in areas where this subcontractor was involved, but he "did not abide by his own recusal and fre-

quently inserted himself ... in an attempt to benefit the subcontractor," the report said.

In January 2012, Burdette flew to Fort Carson, Colo., as part of an effort by the Defense Department to improve processes related to wounded servicemembers. He did not bring a laptop for the weeklong junket, however, and investigators concluded that he "misused official time, misused a rental vehicle, improperly scheduled travel, misrepresented his time and attendance" and failed to use his government travel credit card as required for TDY expenses.

In a review of Burdette's general attendance for work, the report concluded, "We found Mr. Burdette did not routinely work 8 hours per duty day, yet he recorded 8 hours duty for pay purposes."

"Further, Mr. Campbell was unable to explain Mr. Burdette's extensive Pentagon absences."

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WAR/MILITARY

Continued violence in Helmand elicits disillusionment, fear as coalition departs

By JOSH SMITH
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LASHKAR GAH, Afghanistan — Since the time of Abraham.

That's how long Afghan farmer Haji Mohammad Hydar says generations of his family have lived in the area of Afghanistan that now falls in the Sangin district of Helmand province.

But no more.

Just months after the last U.S. Marines left Sangin, Hydar's family — which stuck it out through the Soviet invasion and through more than 10 years of fighting between NATO and the Taliban — is moving to this provincial capital, an outpost of government control increasingly pressured by resurgent Taliban fighters.

Last Sunday, British forces and U.S. Marines announced the end of their combat operations in the region, lowering their flags at the combined camps of Bastion and Leatherneck. The massive base, which has been a fixture in Helmand for most of the coalition's war, hosted the headquarters of Regional Command Southwest and as many as 40,000 personnel at its height.

"The formal end of U.K. combat operations in Afghanistan marks the final step in a deliberate, responsible and measured handover to the ANSF (Afghan National Security Forces)," Brigadier Rob Thomson, the top British officer in Helmand, said in a statement.

That's far from clear to even the staunchest government supporters, however. Helmand became by far the deadliest province for NATO's International Security Assistance Force, with nearly 1,000 coalition fatalities during the 13-year war. And despite officially ending combat operations at the end of 2014, ISAF now says it might continue to provide air support at the request of Afghan forces during the follow-on Resolute Support mission. That mission, focused on advising and training, begins in January.

In those districts hit hardest by fighting, the steady stream of insurgent attacks often leaves even supporters of the foreign troops disillusioned and fearful as the coalition withdraws.

"There was war before the foreign troops arrived, there was war while they were here, and there will be war after they leave," Hydar told Stars and Stripes. "What kind of result is that? No peace, no security."

The 1,000-yard stare

Peering out from between a large turban and a long white beard, Hydar's blue eyes have the piercing, 1,000-yard stare all too common in an Afghanistan torn by decades of war and its horrors.

His son died in 2012 during a firefight between U.S. Marines and Taliban militants near their farm. Earlier, Hydar's brother was killed during a similar engagement between insurgents and Afghan government forces.

Only now have the horrors become too much for Hydar.

"It is much worse than in the past," he said. "Before, you knew where the fighting was and you could avoid it. Now, there are bombs everywhere. We are not safe anywhere."

That's a refrain often repeated here. In recent months, even local journalists have begun arming themselves out of fear of be-



JOSH SMITH/Stars and Stripes

Afghan policemen dismount from a truck during a patrol in Helmand province on Sept. 23.

coming targets.

"When I write my book about the situation here, I plan to call it 'Why I Bought a Pistol,'" said one reporter, who asked not to be named for his own security.

Still, Afghan government officials insist that the situation is under control.

"The Taliban launched several coordinated attacks, but they were vanquished and defeated by our defense forces," said Omar Zwak, spokesman for Helmand's governor.

ISAF spokesman Maj. Paul Greenberg said that because of efforts by Afghan forces, "insurgent networks have become ineffective in Helmand province," but that coalition support would continue under the Resolute Support mission that begins next year.

"As Regional Command Southwest ends its mission and ISAF transitions to Resolute Support in 2015, ISAF will link the ANSF in Helmand to an adviser team in Kabul that will continue to support institutional development and sustainment," he said in a statement to Stars and Stripes. "This will include continued aviation support by ISAF, upon request of the ANSF, and the further development of the [Afghan air force]."

Zwak said ISAF had made a "remarkable difference" in the province: "We are exceptionally grateful for ISAF."

The drug trade factor

While most locals, including members of the security forces, expressed gratitude for foreign assistance, they scoffed at government assertions that all was well.

The sheer ferocity of the fighting in Sangin and neighboring districts has subsided somewhat since earlier in the summer, said one Afghan National Army officer, who asked not to be named because he is



"It is much worse than in the past. Before, you knew where the fighting was and you could avoid it. Now, there are bombs everywhere. We are not safe anywhere."

Haji Mohammad Hydar
Afghan farmer

not authorized to speak publicly about the situation. But clashes continue, he said, and improvised bombs continue to take a terrible toll on both civilians and security forces.

The police and army forces face a variety of threats as they try to stabilize the province, said Col. Mohammad Wais Samimi, deputy security chief for the police in Helmand province.

"The Taliban don't want to control the province; they want to control the drug trade," he said. Helmand remains the source of 80 percent of Afghanistan's opium

local warlords, including members of the national parliament, some of whom had close relationships to the government in Kabul and who field heavily armed militias of their own.

During an interview at his office in Lashkar Gah, Samimi was interrupted by calls from his officers in the city who were forced to intervene between two such armed groups that had begun to fight.

"The Taliban benefit from this situation, because if we ever try to move against [the warlords], we are pressured by the government," he said.

The need for continued aid

Samimi added his voice to the chorus calling for continued foreign aid.

"I had a close friend who was an American Marine, and they helped us with education and support," he said. "But without that support, we will face many problems. Thirty of my men have died because we didn't have the ability to evacuate them."

Habiba Sadat, a member of parliament who represents the province, said Afghan national security forces are fighting hard, but it may not be enough.

"Sometimes the fighting lessens, but it hasn't stopped," she told Stars and Stripes. "We have talked to the security officials as well as the president to ask them to do something, but still the fighting is going on. It doesn't mean that the ANSF aren't active out there; they are losing their lives to defend Helmand. Unfortunately, the security forces are trying their best to defend the province, but they don't have enough equipment and logistics to fight in the long term."

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The Taliban aren't the only ones who stand to benefit from a deteriorated security situation. Samimi said insurgent forces often feed off of infighting among

EBOLA OUTBREAK

DOD is learning how to treat infected troops

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USA Today

The Pentagon is working to ensure its military hospitals in the U.S. can treat troops who may be sickened by Ebola during their deployment to West Africa to fight the deadly contagion.

With only a handful of civilian hospitals across the country currently equipped to care for Ebola patients — whose medical treatment requires elaborate isolation procedures — the military is working on bringing its facilities up to speed.

It's doing that by determining which of its facilities are capable or will soon meet criteria to treat those with the virus, said Air Force Col. Edward Thomas, spokesman for Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

While Thomas said he couldn't provide additional details on how many military hospitals are already able to treat Ebola, at least one — Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. — recently conducted exercises in preparation.

Staff at Walter Reed conducted an Ebola treatment drill Oct. 24, and has been planning for dealing with patients sickened by the virus since August, said Sandy Dean, hospital spokeswoman.

About 1,100 of the 3,900 troops being sent to the region have already been deployed. The military personnel are not treating Ebola patients, but rather are building clinics, training medical personnel and testing blood samples for the presence of the virus.

A team drawn from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the office of the Secretary of Defense and the De-



ERIC GAY/AP

Members of the Department of Defense's Ebola Military Medical Support Team go through special training Oct. 24 at San Antonio Military Medical Center in San Antonio.

fense Health Agency is assessing how many beds should be available across the military medical system, Thomas said.

The military hopes such preparations will ease the minds of family members who are understandably worried about the welfare of their loved ones deployed to West Africa, said Joyce Raezer, executive director of the National Military Family Association.

"Families are nervous about the known and the unknown," she said. "If there are multiple servicemembers who've become infected and must be evacuated, where will they be sent?"

The efforts come as Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Wednesday ordered troops who return to the U.S. after deployment to West Africa to be isolated for 21 days — the incubation period for Ebola — even if they are symptom-free.

In addition, the Pentagon is building portable isolation units that allow up to 12 Ebola patients to be transported on a single military aircraft. That capability is expected to be up and running by January, Defense Department spokeswoman Jennifer Elzea said. Until then, the U.S. military is prepared to use a private con-

tractor based in Georgia to fly soldiers home, if necessary, using a private jet.

Raezer said families are worried not only about their loved ones' welfare, but also how the average American will react when a servicemember returns home.

"They know this deployment is different for many reasons, including some of the craziness here at home regarding people returning from Liberia," she said. "What happens when the servicemembers come back home after the deployment? We're hoping people are more knowledgeable and don't overreact."

Base hospital now has a robot that kills germs

By MIKE HIXENBAUGH
The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

The military doesn't expect any servicemembers returning to Hampton Roads, Va., from West Africa to bring Ebola with them.

But just in case, officials at Langley Air Force Base Hospital in Hampton have developed a detailed plan for responding if a patient tests positive for the deadly virus.

One shiny, new component of the hospital's disease-containment plan was on display Thursday: A germ-zapping robot that can kill pathogens — including the Ebola virus — by shooting powerful bursts of light.

The robot, nicknamed "Saul," uses high-intensity, high-energy ultraviolet rays to split open cell walls and to kill dangerous pathogens.

The hospital, the second military facility in the country to receive a germ-zapping robot, was already in the process of acquiring the machine when it was announced in September that local members of the Air Force were heading to Africa.

Maine judge rejects state's request to isolate nurse

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The Associated Press

FORT KENT, Maine — A Maine judge on Friday rejected a bid by state health officials to restrict the movement of nurse Kaci Hickox, who defied a state quarantine for medical workers who have treated Ebola patients.

Judge Charles C. LaVerdiere ruled that Hickox should continue daily monitoring and coordinate travel with state officials so monitoring can continue. But, because she's not showing symptoms, the judge says she's not infectious.

The state went to court Thursday to impose restrictions until the 21-day incubation period for Ebola ends on Nov. 10.

Hickox, who treated Ebola patients in Sierra Leone, contended confinement at her home in northern Maine violated her rights.

She also contended it's not necessary because she poses no risk. She defied the state's voluntary quarantine by holding a news conference and going for a bike ride.

There was no immediate comment from the governor's office.

State police, who had been monitoring her house, left the residence shortly after 12:30 p.m.

Hickox, 33, stepped into the media glare when she returned from treating Ebola patients in Sierra Leone to become subject to a mandatory quarantine in New Jersey.

After being released from a hospital there, she returned to this small town, where she was placed under what Maine authorities called a voluntary quarantine.

She said she is following the federal Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention recommendation of daily monitoring for fever and other signs of the disease.

"I'm not willing to stand here and let my civil rights be violated when it's not science-based," she said earlier in the week.

The legal action is shaping up as the nation's biggest test case yet in the struggle to balance public health and fear of Ebola against personal freedom.

In a court filing, the director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention backed away from the state's original re-

quest for an in-home quarantine and called for restrictions that fall in line with federal guidelines.

Hickox remains at risk of being infected with Ebola until the end of a 21-day incubation period, said Dr. Sheila Pinette.

"It is my opinion that the respondent should be subjected to an appropriate public health order for mandatory direct active monitoring and restrictions on movement as soon as possible and until the end of the incubation period... to protect the public health and safety," she wrote.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Major obstacles for U.S. strategy against militants

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WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's plan to raise a 15,000-strong rebel army in Syria has run into steep political and military obstacles, raising doubts about a key element of the White House strategy for defeating Islamic State militants in the midst of a civil war.

Pentagon concerns have grown so sharp that Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel sent a two-page memo to the White House last week warning that the overall plan could collapse because U.S. intentions toward Syrian President Bashar Assad are unclear, according to a senior defense official who read the memo but was not authorized to speak publicly.

President Barack Obama has called on Assad to step down, but he has not authorized using military force, including the proposed proxy army, to remove the Syrian leader.

At a news conference Thursday, Hagel declined to discuss his memo to national security adviser Susan Rice, but he acknowledged that Assad has inadvertently benefited more than five weeks of U.S.-led airstrikes against the Islamic State group, one of the most powerful antigovernment forces in Syria's bitter conflict.

Secretary of State John F. Kerry sought to paper over the problem Thursday, telling a forum in Washington that the proposed proxy army "can have an impact on Assad's decision-making so we can get back to a table where we could negotiate a political outcome, because we all know there is military resolution of Syria."

Rebel leaders in Syria say they would reject joining a U.S.-backed force that is not aimed at defeating Assad, their main enemy.

Senior U.S. military officers also

privately warn that the so-called Syrian moderates that U.S. planners hope to recruit — opposition fighters without ties to the Islamic radicals — have been degraded by other factions and forces, including Assad's army, during the war.

It will take years to train and field a new force capable of launching an offensive against the heavily armed and well-funded Islamic State fighters, the officers say.

"We're not going to be able to build that kind of credible force in enough time to make a difference," said a senior U.S. officer who is involved in military operations against the militants and who asked for anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly. "We've watched the moderate opposition dwindle and dwindle, and now there's very little left."

The Pentagon plan calls for putting 5,000 rebel fighters into Syria in a year, and 15,000 over the next three years. It is the least developed and most controversial part of the multipronged U.S. strategy, which also includes near-daily airstrikes in Iraq and Syria, deployment of U.S. military advisers and other support to assist Iraqi government and Kurdish forces, along with attempts to choke off the militants' financing from oil sales and foreign donors.

When officers involved in high-level Pentagon deliberations in the summer raised concerns about building a rebel army from scratch, they were overruled by senior commanders, who warned that airstrikes alone would not defeat the militants, one of the officers said.

But Pentagon unease has intensified in recent weeks as Jordan and Turkey, two allies that the Obama administration is counting on to help train the proposed proxy force, made it clear that they are lukewarm to the plan, two U.S. officials said.



VADIM GHIRDA/AP

Two bombs, top right, fall on an Islamic State group position in Kobani, Syria, during airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition.

US-led airstrikes fail to slow flow of Islamic State fighters into Syria

By GREG MILLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — More than 1,000 foreign fighters are streaming into Syria each month, a rate that has so far been unchanged by airstrikes against the Islamic State group and efforts by other countries to stem the flow of departures, according to U.S. intelligence and counterterrorism officials.

The magnitude of the ongoing migration suggests that the U.S.-led air campaign has neither deterred significant numbers of militants from traveling to the region nor triggered such outrage that even more are flocking to the fight because of American intervention.

"The flow of fighters making their way to Syria remains constant, so the overall number

continues to rise," a U.S. intelligence official said. U.S. officials cautioned, however, that there is a lag in the intelligence being examined by the CIA and other spy agencies, meaning it could be weeks before a change becomes apparent.

U.S. officials have attributed the flows to a range of factors, including the sophisticated recruiting campaigns orchestrated by groups in Syria such as the Islamic State and the relative ease with which militants from the Middle East, North Africa and Europe can make their way to that country.

American officials stressed that the stability of the flow is not seen as a measure of the effectiveness of an air campaign that expanded beyond Iraq and into Syria in late September. The latest estimates indicate that strikes

in Syria alone have killed about 460 members of the Islamic State — the group that has beheaded two American journalists and two British aid workers — as well as about 60 fighters from Jabhat al-Nusra, an al-Qaida affiliate.

The United States and its allies have carried out more than 600 strikes so far in Syria and Iraq, bombings aimed primarily at slowing the Islamic State group's advances and allowing the Iraqi military and moderate opposition forces in Syria to regroup. Rear Adm. John Kirby, spokesman for the Pentagon, said this week that the strikes are "disrupting" the Islamic State group's operations, but he acknowledged that any major offensive against the group "may still be a ways off."

Experts said the foreign fighter population is likely to grow significantly larger as the three-year-old conflict drags on.

Anbar: Iraq must agree to arm tribes before US advisers are deployed to the province

FROM FRONT PAGE

President Barack Obama and other U.S. officials have repeatedly emphasized that no American troops will be engaged in ground combat in Iraq during the current mission, known as Operation Inherent Resolve.

On Friday, headquarters elements from the 1st Infantry Division will arrive in Baghdad to coordinate the efforts of all American forces in the country, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced.

Military officials at U.S. Central Command, which oversees military operations in the Middle East, suggested to reporters last week that plans were in the works to move U.S. forces into Anbar in a noncom-

bat role.

"When we are going to put advisers out in Anbar? I can't tell you when," an official said on condition of anonymity. "But I can tell you that there's a whole lot of discussion and planning going on to how we can continue as the Iraqis' move forward on their plan, how we can continue to enable them as far forward as we can."

The CENTCOM official said the U.S. has also been speaking with allies about the possibility of other countries putting advisers on the ground there, but offered no details on the discussions.

Dempsey said there is one big obstacle to U.S. advisers in Anbar: Iraqi political leaders. "The precondition for that is that the government of Iraq is willing to arm

the tribes," he said. "We have positive indications that they are, but [they] haven't begun to do it yet."

Baghdad's Shia-led government is wary of arming Sunni tribesmen in Anbar and elsewhere because many have aligned themselves with the Islamic State group, which some Sunnis view as a better alternative to what they perceive to be Shia domination.

Dempsey said gaining the support of the Sunni tribes and empowering them to take on the Islamic State is critical if the group is to be defeated.

"That's what we're now beginning to explore. We got a program in place where we're beginning to restore some offensive capability and mindset to the Iraqi secu-

rity forces. We need to think about how to do that with the tribes," he said.

In addition to continuing to assist the Iraqi security forces and extending aid to the Sunni tribes, Dempsey also supports the creation of "national guard" forces in Iraq which would organize local forces to battle insurgents. The Iraqi government has yet to pass a law enabling the formation of such units.

"You need all three of those eventually," he said. But because of the political situation in Baghdad, "Right now, we're focused on the Iraqi security forces."

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NATION

Trooper ambush suspect found after 7-week hunt

By KATHY MATHESON
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The Associated Press

MILFORD, Pa. — Onlookers shouted "Are you sorry?" and "Why did you do it?" at the suspect in a fatal ambush on a Pennsylvania state police barracks as troopers led him from his first court appearance Friday following a grueling seven-week manhunt.

Eric Frein, 31, appeared gaunt and battered as he answered yes-or-no questions and listened as a judge read the criminal complaint detailing the Sept. 12 attack that killed Cpl. Bryon Dickson and critically wounded Trooper Alex Douglass.

Frein did not have a lawyer and was not asked to enter a plea to first-degree murder and other charges. Frein, who appeared to have a bloody gash on his nose and abrasions on his cheek and above his right eye, remains jailed without bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 12.

Pike County District Attorney Raymond Tonkin, who said he would seek the death penalty, told reporters that Frein's capture Thursday brought a degree of comfort to the region after an "unimaginable loss of unspeakable proportions."

State police said troopers have been interviewing Frein, a survivalist found in an abandoned airplane hangar with high-powered weaponry nearby, but would not

disclose details of what he told them nor a possible motive.

Frein's capture ended a 48-day search through impenetrable woods and forbidding caves, schools and vacation homes. The dragnet involved hundreds of law enforcement officials fanned out across the Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania and cost about \$10 million, State Police Lt. Col. George Bivens said.

In the end, Frein surrendered meekly about 6 p.m. Thursday to a team of U.S. marshals who stumbled across him near the hangar some 30 miles from the rural barracks where he is accused of opening fire Sept. 12, killing a trooper and seriously injuring another. Authorities placed him in Dickson's handcuffs and put him in Dickson's squad car for the ride back to the Blooming Grove barracks.

"He has been stripped of his guns, his bombs, and now his freedom," Sam Rabadi, chief of the Philadelphia office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said at a late-night news conference.

The quiet takedown of Frein, who knelt and put his hands up when marshals approached him, ended weeks of tension and turmoil in the area, as authorities at times closed schools, canceled outdoor events and blockaded roads to pursue him. Residents grew weary of hearing helicopters whirling overhead, while small businesses suffered mount-

ing losses and town supervisors canceled a popular Halloween parade.

"It feels good to know there's a guy like this off the streets," said Gregory Kubasek, 19, of Marshalls Creek, who drove to the barracks Thursday night to catch a glimpse of Frein.

State police Commissioner Frank Noonan said Frein was in good health, despite what he described as a "scratch" on his nose that he said was already there when marshals arrested him.

"He looked fairly healthy, healthier than I would've expected," he said.

State police said they didn't know whether Frein, who was unarmed when captured, had been using the hangar as a shelter during his seven weeks on the run, and they wouldn't say what they found there.

"He did not just give up because he was tired," Noonan said. "He gave up because he was caught."

Dickson's family, as well as Douglass and his family, expressed "relief and gratitude" over Frein's arrest, Noonan said.

Police said they linked Frein to the ambush after a man walking his dog discovered his partly submerged SUV three days later in a swamp a few miles from the shooting scene. Inside, investigators found shell casings matching those found at the barracks as well as Frein's driver's license, camouflage face paint, two empty rifle cases and military gear.



JASON FARMER, THE SCRANTON (Pa.) TIMES & TRIBUNE/AP

State troopers escort Eric Matthew Frein from the Blooming Grove barracks early Friday. Frein is accused of opening fire on the barracks Sept. 12, killing state police Cpl. Bryon K. Dickson II and critically wounding Trooper Alex T. Douglass.

Officials, saying Frein was armed and extremely dangerous, had urged residents to be alert and cautious. Using dogs, thermal imaging technology and other tools, law enforcement officials combed miles of forest as they hunted for Frein, whom they called an experienced survivalist at home in the woods. At times, police ordered nearby residents to stay inside or prevented them from returning home.

Trackers found items they believe Frein hid or abandoned in the woods — including soiled diapers, empty packs of Serbian cigarettes, an AK-47-style assault rifle and ammunition, and two pipe bombs that were functional and capable of causing significant damage.

They also discovered a journal, allegedly kept by Frein and found in a bag of trash at a hastily abandoned campsite that offered a chilling account of the ambush and his subsequent escape into the woods. The journal's author described Dickson as falling "still and quiet" after being shot twice.

Authorities said Frein had expressed anti-law enforcement views online and to people who knew him.

Frein is charged with first-degree murder and various other offenses, including two counts of possession of weapons of mass destruction filed after police discovered the pipe bombs.

Museum officially buys Rosie's old plant

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
The Associated Press

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Rosie the Riveter's old plant in Michigan has officially avoided the wrecking ball.

Yankee Air Museum board chairman Ray Hunter signed papers Thursday making the aviation museum the owner of a 144,000-square-foot slice of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant, where Rose Will Monroe and other workers built B-24 Liberator bombers during World War II.

The signing ceremony represented the culmination of efforts to raise the \$8 million needed to save part of the factory for the nearby Yankee Air Museum's new home.

"The building is truly saved," said Michael Montgomery, a consultant on the fundraising effort.

Hunter, Montgomery and others associated with the Save the Willow Run Bomber Plant campaign want to convert the factory and to dedicate it to aviation and all the other Rosies who toiled at similar U.S. plants to aid the war effort.

"We're very proud that we



PAUL SANCTA/AP

Part of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant stands in July 2013 in Ypsilanti Township, Mich.

played a part in preserving" the plant, which "contributed so much to our victory in World War II," Hunter said.

Following the signing, two Rosies unveiled the name and logo of the planned facility: National Museum of Aviation and Technology at Historic Willow Run.

"If we're telling the Arsenal of Democracy and Rosie story, this is the place to do it," said Montgomery.

He said \$5 million more is needed to "fill out the interior of the building" — to create the exhibits and infrastructure necessary to transform the edifice into a museum.

The facility west of Detroit, was owned by the Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust, which took control of sites around the country left behind in General Motors' bankruptcy.



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NATION

Poll: Health care, economy surpass social issues

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI
AND JENNIFER AGIESTA
The Associated Press

DENVER — As a season of campaigning enters its intense final weekend, a new Associated Press-GfK poll illustrates the challenge ahead for candidates and their allies trying to rally voters around traditional wedge issues such as abortion and gay marriage. This fall, voters just have other matters on their minds.

Social issues are eclipsed by concerns about the economy, health care, the Islamic State group and Ebola, the poll finds. And hovering over each of these individual issues is a broad dissatisfaction with President Barack Obama and Republican leaders in Congress.

Only 32 percent of likely voters called gay marriage an important issue, compared with 91 percent ranking the economy important, 78 percent with similar concerns about health care and 74 percent naming Ebola important. The issue that some Democrats have emphasized most of all — abortion rights — also has been a rela-

tively low priority, with only 43 percent of likely voters in a September poll ranking it important.

Yet women's health and reproductive rights have been at the center of campaigns for U.S. Senate in Alaska, Iowa, North Carolina and especially Colorado. There, half of the ads aired by Democratic Sen. Mark Udall and those backing his re-election have criticized his GOP opponent, Rep. Cory Gardner, on women's health issues. They include a contention that the 40-year-old congressman from eastern Colorado wants to ban some forms of birth control.

"Democrats this year clearly think that all that you need is that silver bullet of social issues," said Katy Atkinson, a GOP political consultant in Denver. "It's not. You need more."

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted Oct. 16-20 using KnowledgePanel, GfK's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. It involved online interviews with 1,608 adults and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2.8 percentage points for all respondents.

Medicare bought meds for dead people

WASHINGTON — Call it drugs for the departed: Medicare's prescription program kept paying for costly medications even after patients were dead.

The problem was traced back to a head-scratching, bureaucratic rule that's now getting a second look.

A report coming out Friday from the Health and Human Services Department's inspector general says the Medicare

rule allows payment for prescriptions filled up to 32 days after a patient's death — at odds with the program's basic principles, not to mention common sense.

"Drugs for deceased beneficiaries are clearly not medically indicated, which is a requirement for (Medicare) coverage," the IG report said. It urged immediate changes to eliminate or restrict the payment policy.

Medicare said it's working on a fix.

From The Associated Press

SC Sen. Graham: Remark about helping white men was a joke

By JEFFREY COLLINS
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's remark at a private, all-male dinner about mainly helping white men if he became president was a joke taken out of context, his campaign said Thursday.

But Graham's opponent, Democratic Sen. Brad Hutto, said the comment shows he is a typical Republican who isn't concerned about the middle class, the poor, minorities or women.

About 20 seconds of clips of Graham's speech were provided to The Associated Press, and Graham's campaign confirmed

it was him speaking.

CNN first reported the remarks Wednesday, less than a week before the election to decide whether Graham gets a third term in the Senate. He has outspent Hutto by a wide margin and is a big favorite to win in conservative South Carolina.

After using profanity to say the government is messed up, Graham tells the group: "If I get to



Graham

be president, white men who are in male-only clubs are going to do great in my presidency."

Graham made the remarks as part of a 10-minute speech at the Hibernian Society of Charleston at a charity event where politicians are invited to give private speeches that are serious, but also include jokes told at their expense or to poke fun at the group. Graham's campaign said his intention with the joke was to needle the historically Irish Catholic group. A recording of his entire speech to the group has not surfaced.

"Senator Graham is confident the people of South Carolina will judge him based on his record of accomplishment and will also put

in its proper perspective these jokes, which were taken out of context and delivered in a private, roast-type dinner before a well-respected charity in Charleston," Graham's campaign spokesman Tate Zeigler said in a statement.

His opponent said Graham showed his true self at the event. He pointed out Graham has voted or has spoken out against bills aimed at establishing equal pay for women and raising the minimum wage and the Violence Against Women Act.

"When behind the closed doors of a private club, Lindsey Graham let his true colors show. He is only interested in his own ambitions and the best interests

of the wealthy donors he hopes will fund his possible presidential campaign," Hutto said in a statement.

Graham has upset some people in his own party in recent years by saying Republicans must diversify and can't be the party of angry, white men if they want to remain relevant in American politics.

In the other clip from the Charleston meeting, Graham makes jokes about religion. "Do we have any Presbyterians here?" Graham said, as laughter from the group drowns out the punchline. "Do we have any Baptists? They're the ones who drink and don't admit it. Methodists? Baptists who can't read."



Provided by Jay Boyle/AP

Emergency vehicles and first responders attend the scene of a small plane crash Thursday at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport in Wichita, Kan.

Crews to begin work to recover victims of Kansas plane crash

By ROXANNA HEHEMAN
The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Work was to begin Friday to recover the remains of the four people who died when a small plane crashed into a flight training facility at a Kansas airport, authorities said.

Jet fuel from the plane burned so hot during the blaze after the crash Thursday morning at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport that portions of the building remained unsafe all day and emergency officials voiced concerns about the stability of the structure. Late Thursday night, smoke continued to rise from the wreckage.

Heavy equipment was to be brought in Friday to remove por-

tions of the building so firefighters can reach the victims, Wichita Fire Chief Ronald Blackwell said. Crews are expected to be at the site for at least a couple of days.

"The real work begins at daylight," Blackwell said Thursday.

National Transportation Safety Board investigator Leah Yeager said the pilot reported a problem with the left engine of the twin-engine Beechcraft King Air soon after taking off from the airport.

According to witness reports, the plane was "flying low and slow before it entered a left turn," Yeager said.

"It continued to turn left and then impacted the building," she said.

The plane, which was manu-

factured in 2000, struck the top of the building and ignited a horrific fire, Blackwell said. The aircraft remains in pieces, with parts scattered on the roof and on the ground of the training facility.

NTSB investigators at the scene will try to determine what caused the engine failure. Peter Knudson, an NTSB spokesman, told The Associated Press early Friday that there are procedures for pilots to land with an engine out but that he had no information on why those procedures were not applied.

Officials said only one person was aboard the plane and that everyone else inside the building had been accounted for.

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Memorial held for Wash. teen gunman

By MARTHA BELLISLE
The Associated Press

TULALIP, Wash. — Hundreds of people packed a recreation center on the Tulalip Indian reservation Thursday for a memorial service for the 15-year-old gunman in a deadly Washington state school shooting.

Jaylen Fryberg was a homecoming prince from a prominent tribal family.

Tribal police and others wore arm bands that read "In Loving Memory" of Fryberg. Inside the recreation center, a gym was filled with hundreds of mourners, and tribal members chanted and played drums. Earlier this week, the tribe released a statement condemning Fryberg's "horrific actions," but adding it was their custom to come together in times of grief.

"We are supporting the family of Jaylen Fryberg in their time of loss, but that does not mean we condone his actions," the tribe said.

Last Friday, Fryberg pulled out a handgun in the Marysville-Pilchuck High School cafeteria north of Seattle and started shooting.

The victims were Zoe R. Galasso, 14, who died at the scene; Gia Soriano, 14, who died at a hospital Sunday night; Shaylee Chuculnaskit, 14, who is in critical condition; and Fryberg's cousins, Nate Hatch, 14, and Andrew Fryberg, 15. Andrew Fryberg is in critical condition, while Hatch had surgery Thursday to repair his jaw. He's listed in satisfactory condition.

At Thursday's memorial for Jaylen Fryberg, which included a slide show of pictures from his life, some people wore white ribbons with photos of the two girls killed in the shooting. A large meal was offered for mourners at the service.

After a procession of drummers and the family walked a circle around the inside of the gym with the casket, they walked outside and loaded it on to the



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Native American drummers lead mourners out of a gymnasium Thursday on the Tulalip Indian reservation, in Tulalip, Wash., following the memorial service for Jaylen Fryberg, the gunman in a deadly Washington state school shooting last week.

back of a pickup truck. The family climbed in on either side and drove about a half mile up the road to a cemetery.

The Daily Herald reported that the funeral for Galasso is set for this weekend. There was no word on a service for Soriano.

Officials say the investigation into the shooting will be lengthy to ensure any information released is accurate.

Calif. town's bankruptcy plan gets OK from judge

From wire reports

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A federal bankruptcy judge approved the city of Stockton's bankruptcy recovery plan Thursday and sidestepped challenges to its workers' pensions that could have threatened municipal retirement plans across the state in the years ahead.

Stockton's plan slashes city spending, cuts salaries and eliminates jobs — but preserves worker pensions. Also, companies owed money by the city will get back only a fraction of what they're due.

The case was being closely watched after the judge ruled last month that the city's payments to the California Public Employees' Retirement System could be cut in bankruptcy, just like any other obligation.

If Judge Christopher M. Klein

had rejected Stockton's plan and forced the city to reduce its payments to CalPERS, it could have opened the door for other financially ailing cities struggling with escalating pension costs to follow suit.

The decision was good news for public workers and retirees statewide, said CalPERS Chief Executive Anne Staushoff, whose agency fought any pension cuts as part of the Stockton bankruptcy proceedings.

Pension reformers were not happy. They criticized the decision, saying the city's rising pension costs would continue to take money from essential services and keep Stockton on the brink of a second insolvency.

On Thursday, Klein said the city's 1,400 workers and 2,500 retirees had already taken enough hits in the bankruptcy.



GOSIA WOZNIAK/AP

Pedestrians cross a street near the Bank of Stockton in Stockton, Calif., in 2012. A federal bankruptcy judge approved the city's plan for fiscal recovery Thursday, sidestepping challenges to worker pensions.

\$500M lawsuit disputes claim from surgical gown maker

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A \$500 million lawsuit against Kimberly-Clark Corp. alleges the company falsely claimed its surgical gowns protected against Ebola and other infectious diseases.

The suit, filed Wednesday in federal court, alleges that the multinational company knew for at least a year that its Microcoat Breathable High Performance Surgical Gown had failed industry tests of impermeability to blood and microbes, but it continued to claim the product provided the highest level of protection against diseases including Ebola.

Many of the gowns tested had "catastrophic" failures, according to the lawsuit, which called Kimberly-Clark's actions "utterly reprehensible."

"We are aware of individuals that have contracted various diseases while wearing the gown, but we are not at liberty to disclose what those are at the present time," said Michael Avenatti, the lead attorney in the case. Avenatti said the Texas hospital where two nurses contracted Ebola once stocked the gowns but he didn't know whether those workers or an infected nursing assistant in Spain had worn them.

Kimberly-Clark said in a statement that it does not comment regarding ongoing litigation but the company stands behind the safety and efficacy of its products.

Nevada high court favors strippers ... in wage dispute

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — In a legal decision with wide implications for strip clubs in Sin City, the Nevada Supreme Court ruled Thursday that dancers at one Las Vegas club are employees, not independent contractors, and are entitled to be paid minimum wage.

The unanimous ruling Thursday in a 2009 class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of six dancers at Sapphire Gentlemen's Club could change the landscape statewide in a business where dancers have for decades depended on tips and even paid "house fees" to establishments that allowed them to work.

"Given that Sapphire bills itself as the 'World's Largest Strip Club,' and not, say, a sports bar or nightclub," the high court said, "we are confident that the women strip-dancing there are useful and indeed necessary to its operation."

Mick Rusing, the Tucson, Ariz., attorney who represented plaintiff Zuri-Kinshasa Maria Terry and five other dancers in the initial case, said the ruling might directly affect more than 6,500 current and former members of the affected class, dating to about 2006.

Rusing said they could be entitled to a combined \$40 million in back wages, plus the re-

turn of house fees.

"And it keeps going up every month," Rusing said. "As employees, you get a lot of rights. The girls are entitled to be paid. At very least, minimum wage."

Sapphire officials and the attorneys who represented the company before the Supreme Court didn't immediately respond to messages.

The Supreme Court ruling, written by Justice Kristina Pickering, declared clubs are not exempt from provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

NATION

EXPOSED!

North Carolina museum chronicles history of tattoos

By LYNN FELDER

Winston-Salem Journal

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Once, tattoos were the exclusive territory of “loose women, sailors and prisoners,” Harriett Cohen said.

But that started to change in the 1980s when rock stars and rock-star athletes started sporting skin art. Now, soccer moms and rock fans are equally likely to display skin that is adorned with permanent images — from mothers to monsters, from deities to demons.

Cohen and her partner in life and love of ink, C.W. “Chuck” Eldridge, own and operate The Tattoo Archive and The Book Mistress on Fourth Street. The storefront houses two businesses and a nonprofit organization.

The Book Mistress portion is a book store where you can browse through big, gorgeous, collectible books full of tattoo designs and smaller, soft-cover books that show specific tattoo and artifact collections. Many are out of print or hard to find. Cohen sells them in the store and online at bookmistress.net.

The Tattoo Archive is a tattoo museum; it’s a collection of tattoo memorabilia, gadgets, machinery and flash, which is what drawings and paintings of tattoo designs are called. There is the tattoo shop in the back, where Eldridge does custom tattooing.

The nonprofit, The Paul Rogers Tattoo Research Center, was formed in 1992 when Eldridge, who already had a large tattoo collection, inherited a “huge collection” from Paul Rogers, a legend in the tattoo world.

Ed Hardy, a tattoo artist who achieved international fame when he developed a popular line of apparel and accessories, is one of four directors of the board of the nonprofit, the Paul Rogers Tattoo Research Center. Eldridge is another. Their stated mission is to “safeguard his (Rogers’) collection and his legacy in the tattoo world.” A book about Rogers by Don Lucas calls him “The Father of the American Tattooing.”

Born in 1905 in western North Carolina to a family of textile workers, Rogers went to work in cotton mills when he was 13. He didn’t make it past third grade, but started drawing around the age of 20 and became interested in gymnastics and acrobatics.

His curiosity about tattoos was piqued by an uncle and a traveling salesman. They had both

gotten tattoos when they were in the military. Rogers had a long memory and kept good records. He told Lucas that he bought a tattoo kit that ran off dry-cell batteries and started tattooing on Oct. 11, 1928. At first, he tattooed only himself because, “There was nobody getting tattooed around there then.”

But then he tattooed anyone who would let him — until he got good enough to be hired by a traveling carnival. There, he met his wife, Helen, the boss’ daughter, who was a Hawaiian dancer and snake dancer.

Rogers traveled throughout the ‘30s and ‘40s up and down the east coast to Portsmouth and Norfolk, Va., and Charleston, S.C., to name just a few, building his reputation as a tattooist. In the 1950 and ‘60s, he spent time in Spartanburg, S.C., Jacksonville, N.C., and Anchorage, Alaska, finally settling in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., in the 1970s. There, he tattooed less and worked more on tattoo machines, eventually building them.

“His tattoo machines were sold around the world,” Eldridge said, “and are still selling as collectors’ items.”

And Rogers collected items. “What’s unique about Paul’s collection is that it was intact at the time of his death in 1990,” Eldridge said.

Eldridge, also a native North Carolinian from Elgin, joined the U.S. Navy when he was 18 to “see the world.” He got out of the service in 1969 and knocked around the San Francisco Bay area, washing dishes in a soul-food cafe and building custom bicycles until he discovered tattooing the 1970s and made that his life’s work.

Eldridge got some tattoos and learned the trade from an artist in San Francisco and opened the first Tattoo Archive in Berkeley in 1982.

“Even then, the history was the main focus,” Eldridge said. “Tattoos paid the bills.” As they do now, along with the book sales. Eldridge said that he does about two tattoos a day. He met Rogers in the ‘70s



PHOTOS BY DAVID ROLFE, THE WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL/AP



Doc Forbes tattooing, 1960s

through mutual acquaintances and they communicated throughout the years, running into one another at occasional tattoo conventions.

Among the items in the museum are a 1960s photograph of tattoo artist Doc Forbes with a young client at left, and a tattoo-centered postcard, at top, from the 1940s.

“He knew the effort I was putting in the history of tattooing,” Eldridge said. Rogers’ family didn’t share his passion for the art of tattooing. He wanted his collection to go to someone who would care for it.

“I was getting sick of the Bay area after 36 years,” Eldridge said, and he felt that Rogers’ collection belonged in western North Carolina where it had its genesis. That was the impetus for creating the nonprofit in 1993, and Eldridge started raising money to move and house the collection here.

Cohen and Eldridge met when

she went into his shop in Berkeley in 2000 to get a tattoo to commemorate her dog who had recently died.

She ended up getting a dogwood blossom, somewhat coincidentally that’s the North Carolina state flower.

They were married in 2005, and moved to Winston-Salem and opened shop in 2007.

About 250 pieces of art and artifacts are hanging on the walls of the Tattoo Archives.

What is on display is a very small percentage of the Tattoo Archive’s collection, Eldridge said.

WORLD

W. African nation now under army rule

The Associated Press

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso — An army general took power in Burkina Faso on Friday after President Blaise Compaore stepped down, ending his 27-year rule of the West African country.

Army Gen. Honoré Traore, the joint chief of staff, has assumed power, state radio announced. Compaore was forced out of office by a burst of violent protests in which parliament was set ablaze. The protesters refused to accept anything short of Compaore's immediate resignation.

Opposition protesters gathered in the capital erupted into cheers when they heard the announcement of Compaore's resignation on hand-held radios. They had been massing for a second day to push for Compaore to leave after their unrest had already persuaded the longtime leader not to run again.

"I declare that I'm leaving power in order to have a free and transparent election in 90 days," said Compaore, 63, in a statement read out on television and radio stations. "For my part, I think I have fulfilled my destiny."

For months, an opposition coalition has been urging Compaore not to seek re-election for what would have been his fifth term in power. But Compaore and his ruling party looked set to push a bill through parliament on Thursday that would have allowed him to run again.



EUGENE HOSHINO/AP

Hello 40!

A model dressed as the Japanese character Hello Kitty performs during a carnival Thursday at Sanrio Paroland, a theme park featuring Hello Kitty in Tokyo. When she came to life in 1974, she was a kitty without a name, sitting sideways in blue overalls and a big red bow, on a coin purse for Japanese girls. Saturday is the 40th anniversary of this global icon of "cute-cool" — that is, Hello Kitty.

Russian gas deal eases Europe fears

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia will resume shipping natural gas to Ukraine after Kiev pays off its first debt installment for past supplies of gas, officials said Friday.

Alexei Miller, chief of Russia's state-controlled Gazprom natural gas giant, made the statement hours after Russia, Ukraine and the European Union thrashed out a \$4.6 billion deal that will guarantee Russian gas supplies to Ukraine and further on to the EU.

The deal eased fears that Europe would end up shivering this winter like it did in 2009, when a spat over Ukraine's gas bill prompted Russia to cut off energy supplies to Europe for nearly two weeks.

The leaders of Germany, France, Russia and Ukraine hailed the deal in a conference call Friday as an "important step toward ensuring uninterrupted gas transit to Europe," the Kremlin said.

Moscow had cut off gas supplies to Europe in June over unpaid debts.

By PETER ENAV
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel reopened a contested Jerusalem holy site on Friday and deployed more than 1,000 security personnel following clashes the previous day between Palestinians and Israeli riot police that had ratcheted up already heightened tensions in the city.

Small groups of Palestinian worshippers made their way through a welter of Israeli checkpoints to the site — known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary — under leaden gray skies and pouring rain.

The holy site has been a flashpoint between devotees of the two faiths for decades, underscoring the incendiary nature of the religious component in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A visit there by then-Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon in 2000 set off the last Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule. It remains a potent symbol for the two peoples' competing territorial claims.

Israeli authorities had said they were limiting access to the site on Friday to Muslim men over 50 in an attempt to dampen the pros-

pects for violence triggered by Thursday's killing of a Palestinian man suspected of attempting to assassinate a hard-line Jewish activist.

Israeli-American rabbi Yehuda Glick was shot three times late Wednesday, but his condition is now said to be improving. Glick has campaigned for more Jewish access to the site, a cherished cause for religious nationalists who resent Israel's long-standing prohibition on allowing Jews to pray there.

Sparked by the activities of a hard-line partner in Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing coalition, more and more Jews have been visiting the site in recent months, prompting strong opposition from Muslims who fear greater Israeli influence in Jerusalem amid accelerated Jewish settlement in the Palestinian part of the city.

Israel's brief closure of the site Thursday was the first since Sharon's visit. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas called it a "declaration of war" against the Palestinians and the entire Arab and Muslim world.

Earlier, Abbas had demanded Jews be banned from the site

and urged Palestinians to guard the compound from visiting Jews, whom he called a "herd of cattle."

The site is the holiest place in Judaism and the third holiest in Islam. Jews say it is the location of their biblical temple, while Muslims say it is the place from which the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven.

This latest bout of Israeli-Palestinian tension can be traced back to the abduction and killing of three Jewish teenagers by Palestinian militants in the West Bank this summer and the subsequent murder of a Palestinian youth by right-wing Israeli Jews in Jerusalem. Those slayings helped spawn a 50-day war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip that killed more than 2,100 Palestinians and 70 Israelis.

Since the war ended on Aug. 26, Abbas has been under fire from critics who say that unlike Hamas, he has been too timid in confronting Israel.

On Friday, Hamas issued calls for Palestinians in the West Bank to take to the streets to defend the Jerusalem holy site and "not to abandon the Jerusalemites in the battle that is taking place in the holy city."

Mexico police questioned in killing of 3 Americans

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN
The Associated Press

MATAMOROS, Mexico — Authorities are investigating a possible police connection to the killing of three U.S. citizens visiting their father in Mexico who were found shot to death along with a Mexican friend more than two weeks after going missing.

Parents of the three siblings, whose bodies were identified Thursday, have said witnesses reported they were seized by men dressed in police gear calling themselves "Hercules," a tactical security unit in the violent border city of Matamoros heavily racked by cartel infighting. Nine of the unit's 40 officers are being questioned, Tamaulipas state Attorney General Ismael Quintanilla Acosta said.

It would be the third recent case of alleged abuse and killings by Mexican security forces and the first to involve Americans.

The country already is engulfed in the case of 43 college students missing in Guerrero state at the hands of a mayor and police working with a drug cartel.

Fifty-six people are under arrest, including dozens of police officers.

In June, soldiers killed 22 suspected gang members in Mexico state, then altered the scene and intimidated witnesses to hide the fact that most of the dead were executed after they surrendered, a National Commission on Human Rights report said last week. Three soldiers face murder charges.

The police apply the full force of the law and zero tolerance," said Attorney Gen. Egidio Torre Cantu said, lamenting the death of the three Americans and a Mexican citizen, even though their identities had yet to be confirmed by DNA.

Presidential spokesman Eduardo Sanchez declined to comment when asked about the newest case. The U.S. Embassy said it was aware of the reports but had no information to share "due to privacy considerations."

The bodies of the three Americans, Pedro Alvarado, identified his children from photographs of the bodies showing tattoos, Quintanilla told Radio Formula. Clothing found with the bodies also matched that of Erica Alvarado Rivera, 26, and brothers, Alex, 22, and Juan, 21, who disappeared Oct. 13 along with Jose Guadalupe Castaneda Benitez, Erica Alvarado's 32-year-old boyfriend.

Each was shot in the head and the bodies were burned, most likely from lying in the hot sun for so long, Quintanilla said.

'We will apply the full force of the law and zero tolerance.'

Egidio Torre Cantu
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Tamaulipas

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OPINION

Prince sees a contractor future on fronts of fighting Ebola, terrorists

By JUSTINE DRENNAN
 Foreign Policy

As he pitched his plan last week to fight Ebola with private contractors, Blackwater founder Erik Prince spoke alternately in hypotheticals and nostalgic past tense. Prince said he thinks that by using a large supply vessel to float off the coast of Ebola-ravaged West Africa, private contractors like the ones formerly employed by Blackwater could quickly deliver crucial medical assistance to where it's needed — an old idea of his in a new context.

"We could carry 250 vehicles, couple of helicopters, couple of landing craft, and everything else — so that's all your mobility equipment," he told Foreign Policy last week. "Everything else was containerized: food, medicine, field hospitals, tents, water purification, generators, fuel — everything you'd need for a humanitarian disaster."

Prince, a 45-year-old former Navy SEAL, auto-parts company heir and billionaire, has become the public and much maligned face of the private military contractors in America's war in Iraq. So it's perhaps not surprising that Prince advocates private contractors as part of a solution to not only countering the Ebola outbreak in West Africa but also combating Islamic State militants in Iraq.

"One of the real core competencies of Blackwater, or companies like Blackwater, is we can operate in difficult places without any outside support," Prince said, arguing that private firms are best-positioned to train and equip fighters such as the peshmarga Iraqi Kurds. "The thing about the private sector is it can start with a clean sheet of paper every time, and it doesn't necessarily have to adapt an expensive, existing set of tools that it kind of has to bring along with it."

That idea isn't unique. What's more noteworthy is Prince's unchanged attitude about the inevitable superiority of private contracting companies. The day before Prince spoke to Foreign Policy by phone, a U.S. Navy vessel sent four former Blackwater guards of killing 14 Iraqi civilians and injuring another 17 when they opened fire in 2007 in downtown Baghdad's Nisour Square. Prince himself has avoided serious legal consequences from the misdeeds of his company, which made more than \$1 billion from contracts in Iraq alone.

The bloody Nisour Square incident soured relations between the United States and Iraq and permanently damaged the public image of a company already tainted by complaints of impunity for violent behavior. Journalist Jeremy Seihill reported in 2009 that in sworn statements given to authorities investigating the company, a former Blackwater employee claimed Prince "views himself as a Christian crusader tasked with eliminating Muslims and the Islamic faith from the globe," and that his business "encouraged and rewarded the destruction of Iraqi life."

In his book "Civilian Warriors," as well as in a relatively rare interview ahead of its recent paperback release, Prince vehemently rejected such claims and argued that Blackwater was scapegoated by vindictive Democrats and a State Department and Pentagon that couldn't come to terms with the government's growing dependence on private contractors. "I'm no hero. The world knows as well about my mistakes. But I was never meant to play the villain," he wrote in his book. "Seeing the company I'd built torn down for no reason was almost too much to bear."

But the independence that Prince now touts as private contractors' primary advantage in fighting scourges such as Ebola and the Islamic State is arguably what got Blackwater in trouble in the first place.

As the defense analyst Peter Singer has noted, Blackwater was very good at protecting people, but its single-minded focus on security to the detriment of winning "hearts and minds" undermined the credibility of the broader U.S. operation in Iraq, as seen in the fallout over Blackwater's 2007 Baghdad shootings. "If they push traffic off the roads or if they shoot up a car that looks suspicious, whatever it may be, they may be operating within their contract — to the detriment of the mission, which is to bring the people to you," Singer wrote in his counter-insurgency expert Army Col. Peter Mansoor's book in 2007.

Prince acknowledges in his book that Blackwater's "approach earned us no friends among Iraqi civilians, or the emergent government agencies representing them." And indeed, he struggled to free Blackwater from its own track record, which includes charges of arms smuggling as well as unwarranted violence. He changed the firm's name to Xe in 2009 and sold it in 2010 to a group of shareholders, including the counter-insurgency think tank as Academi and tried to distance it from Prince.

The writer Robert Young Pelton, who helped Prince develop and pitch his book and is currently embroiled in a legal battle with him over the contract, said he thinks Prince's current PR push is "really about legacy."

"Prince's greatest dilemma is as Libertarian he has made most of his money from working for the government," Pelton said via email. "He wants people after the Dems are out of office to believe



COREY LOWENSTEIN, RALEIGH (N.C.) NEWS & OBSERVER/MCT

"One of the real core competencies of Blackwater, or companies like Blackwater, is we can operate in difficult places without any outside support," said Blackwater co-founder Erik Prince, who believes private firms are best-positioned to train and equip fighters such as the Iraqi Kurds' peshmarga.

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Prince's proposal for an anti-Ebola ship also appears to be a reimagining of his past in which his problems disappear. In 2006, Blackwater bought a 183-foot U.S. ocean survey vessel, the McArthur, for a broad range of provisioning, humanitarian and security uses. It turned out the ship was too slow for many missions and, after allegations of crewmate abuse and a death of commissions, the company put the vessel up for sale in 2010.

Advocating for his Ebola-fighting idea, however, Prince told Foreign Policy the costs would be low because "we were going to use a kind of mid- to late-life vessel, and we didn't have to sail around the world efficiently anymore. It just had to float, move at 23 knots when we wanted it to go." Such a ship would address challenges NGOs face in quickly moving supplies to respond to crises, he said, helping out wherever "the balloon goes up — whether it's a typhoon that hits the Philippines or a tsunami that hits Japan or an earthquake that hits Pakistan, or Ebola that hits West Africa."

Though pitching himself as a humanitarian, Prince remains cagey about his more recent activities. While the hardcover book jacket says he splits his time between Abu Dhabi and Virginia, Prince said on Thursday that, "unfortunately, I kind of split between Virginia and living in an airplane. I travel a lot." He currently heads Frontier Services Group, a Chinese-backed firm that provides logistics assistance in Africa.

Regarding claims that he assisted in standing up groups of mercenaries to fight Somali pirates and enemies of the United Arab Emirates' government, Prince responded, "My role, since I sold the business, Blackwater — it's been limited to some strategic ideas."

Despite reports that trainees for the anti-pirate "police force" had been abandoned by their backers in 2012, Prince insisted that the effort had succeeded in eliminating piracy. "There was no successful pirate attacks in 2013, and I don't believe this year, either," Prince said. "Something worked, so I don't know how the media missed that."

For Pelton, Prince remains "an interesting guy that gets away with murder ... literally" and "is somewhat immune from self-examination and truth."

Asked about his involvement in the UAE project, Prince signaled that the interview was at an end: "I've said everything I'm going to say on piracy, and the UAE, and the final rest."

Prince, a Roman Catholic, did respond to a final question about his relationship with religion.

"I think faith gives us a structure around which to try to organize our lives," he said. "It'm also a big believer, and very thankful that there's forgiveness."

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OPINION

Was Obama right to deploy US troops to battle Ebola in West Africa?

Yes: But proper label for effort is 'humanitarian'

By JAMES JAY CARAFANO

President Barack Obama was right to dispatch U.S. military units to help combat an Ebola outbreak in West Africa. But he did it for the wrong reasons.

Obama called it a "national security" mission — a clear misuse of the term. Americans should be wary of Washington's growing tendency to make every project a priority simply by appending "security" to the issue.

National security efforts by design are statist, centralized, top-down activities. So when government says it wants to focus on climate security, energy security, food security, or any other pet project — what it is really saying is government plans to step in and take over.

For most of life's challenges and hazards — even those where we might want government to take some action — we certainly don't want Washington to get involved.

True "national security" issues arise due to bad, human-controlled actors — whether states or al-Qaida — that threaten the violent destruction of assets or interests vital to the United States. Other types of challenges — be they bad bugs or bad weather — are just problems to be solved.

The challenge of keeping Ebola from becoming a global problem is not principally a security problem. Helping West Africa deal with Ebola is a humanitarian mission — not a national security deployment.

It is, of course, wholly appropriate for the U.S. to provide humanitarian assistance when we have the means to do so and it does not conflict with America's interest.

America's humanitarian response to the 2004 tsunami in the Asia-Pacific dwarfed the assistance provided by most countries.

Further, the U.S. military undertakes these kinds of missions quite frequently, both at home and abroad. Be it sandbagging during storms or delivering supplies and rescue services after disaster strikes, our military is skilled at alleviating non-military emergencies. It is not the principal job for our armed forces, but these are appropriate auxiliary missions — tasks to be done on an as-needed and as-available basis.

The right measure of these missions is whether they are suitable, feasible and acceptable.

Without question, the West African crisis is a suitable use of U.S. forces. The Pentagon can quickly deploy expertise, support and infrastructure that will help local organizations stop the spread of the disease.

And there's self-interest here as well. The best way to keep more Ebola cases from checking in at the nearest Holiday Inn is to help quell the outbreak at its source. Alternative containment strategies — like banning travel and yanking visas — are much blunter instruments.

The West African deployment also passes the "feasible" and "acceptable" tests. This is not to say the mission poses zero risks to our troops.

Even medical professionals who presumably try to take all the right precautions have caught the disease. But, our troops are disciplined, and they should know the right risk-mitigation measures to take.

They are also brave, courageous and willing volunteers. They understand there is danger going in harm's way. That is part of the job.

Rather than just invoking the name of "national security" and moving on, the White House should have classified the initiative correctly — as a humanitarian mission — and explained the rationale for this auxiliary mission to the American people.

Instead all they got was a banal declaration and a ludicrous promise that Ebola would never appear on U.S. shores.

Words are important, and so are actions. Mislabeling missions, as Obama did earlier in calling our offensive against the Islamic State a "humanitarian" mission, suggests a dangerous confusion about the nature of true national security risks and the principal function of our military.

It also raises concern about the conduct of this mission. Has the White House organized operations efficiently and sent enough assets to West Africa? Or is the president simply throwing some troops at the problem so he can say he's done something?

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Eric Gax/AP

A member of the Department of Defense's Ebola Military Medical Support Team wears protective covers over her boots during training at San Antonio Military Medical Center on Oct. 24. The team will consist of 20 critical care nurses, 5 doctors trained in infectious disease, and 5 trainers in infectious disease protocols.

No: Keep overextended military out of quagmire

By DAVID A. RIDENOUR

President Barack Obama is using American troops to combat Ebola to show the world he cares enough to send our very best. But our soldiers aren't Hallmark greeting cards.

Like many of Obama's foreign-policy initiatives, his Ebola plan has a ready-shoot-aim quality to it.

Here are four reasons why our military isn't the best vehicle for rendering assistance.

Our military is already overextended. The president has decided to cut the Army from its wartime high of 570,000 soldiers to 440,000. The administration's Quadrennial Defense Review said this "strains our ability to simultaneously respond to more than one major contingency at a time."

That assessment came before the president announced plans to send 4,000 soldiers to West Africa, a number sure to grow given the president's recent authorization of a National Guard call-up. It was also

before military operations were launched against the Islamic State, a campaign that may ultimately require ground forces.

In light of these developments, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno recently questioned the wisdom of continuing with the force reduction plan.

Military intervention in West Africa risks a quagmire. Though the media have focused on the military's humanitarian role in the Ebola crisis, it would also likely have a security one.

As the Council on Foreign Relations' Janine Davidson noted, "As the disease spreads, so does panic — and panic leads to violence." Maintaining order will pose serious risks.

For one, it would require a significantly greater U.S. commitment than announced so far, stretching our military even further. The World Health Organization forecasts new Ebola cases could rise by 10,000 per week by December. That's a lot of panic and violence to subdue.

For another, it could place our soldiers in an impossible position, such as one in which Liberian soldiers recently found themselves. They had to choose between their safety and the public's when quarantine-triggered violent rioting left four people wounded and one 16-year-old boy dead.

Imagine U.S. soldiers being forced to make the same choice: having to shoot unarmed, possibly infected Liberian civilians or allow Ebola to spread.

A key difference between this proposed mission and our experience in Iraq is that human beings would be the roadside bombs.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention isn't ready. One-hundred percent of the Ebola patients who contracted the disease on U.S. soil were full-time health care professionals who did so while treating the disease under the guidance of the CDC. The CDC has flubbed its dress rehearsal, and clearly is not ready for the big show.

Militarization of humanitarian aid risks involvement in internal disputes. All three countries at the center of the Ebola epidemic are politically unstable.

Sierra Leone and Liberia have only in recent years emerged from civil wars. Guinea was ruled by a military junta until 2010. Both Liberia and Guinea have canceled upcoming elections. We're told these countries are so unstable that a U.S. travel embargo alone could send them careening into chaos.

"You isolate them, you can cause unrest in the country," said the National Institutes of Health's Dr. Anthony Fauci. "It's conceivable that government could fail."

Foreign populations in these circumstances could perceive our military as taking sides in internal disputes. Think Somalia 1993 and you get the idea.

Meanwhile, the Obama administration remains opposed to travel bans, the one measure that might provide Americans some protection.

Our soldiers are being placed at enormous risk all because the president is unwilling — to borrow his own words from another crisis — "to plug the damn hole."

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man's dog aids in his arrest on drug charge

AL PRATTVILLE — Police in central Alabama say a man's own dog helped officers bust him on a drug charge.

Prattville Police spokeswoman Paula Barlow said the pooch named Bo followed his fleeing master, who was being pursued by officers. When the dog stopped and wagged his tail in tall grass, she said, officers found and arrested Edwin Henderson.

Barlow said the chase began when two drug officers arrived Wednesday with a search warrant and Henderson took off running.

After an investigator pointed at Henderson and told the dog "go get him," that's what Bo did.

Barlow said Henderson is charged with failure to obey police, manufacturing a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. There's no word on who's taking care of Bo.

Mustaches institute announces hall plans

MO ST. LOUIS — There are halls of fame for everything from baseball to rock 'n' roll, so why shouldn't those with a hairy upper lip get their just rewards?

The tongue-in-cheek American Mustache Institute says it will unveil its inaugural class for the International Mustache Hall of Fame on Feb. 11 — the birthday of Burt Reynolds.

The Mustache Hall of Fame will be virtual-only initially, but AMI says it is searching for a physical location, most likely in Pittsburgh.

Nominations for the inaugural class are being accepted through Nov. 30 at MustacheHall.com.

Cost spurs Blue Angels air show cancellation

IN EVANSVILLE — The Navy's Blue Angels won't be flying over Evansville next summer, after festival organizers have decided they can't afford to keep putting on an air show.

Hadi Shriners spokesman Dale Thomas said the group has seen a decline in corporate sponsorships and faced rising costs for its annual Evansville Freedom Festival.

"We know the impact is hard and the disappointment it will cause, but we can't see how it can be paid for," he told the Evansville Courier & Press.

Basic costs of the festival total about \$150,000, Thomas said. Organizing an air show that would include the Blue Angels would add some \$170,000 in expenses.

Dogs found abandoned in outdoor trash bin

WI BEAVER DAM — The Dodge County Humane Society is caring for two small dogs found abandoned in a dumpster behind a Beaver Dam grocery store.

Police are looking for the person or people who abandoned them. Humane Society president Ryan Vossekuil said someone

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The number of pills Kentucky State Police say troopers seized during a raid prompted by an anonymous tip. Police said the pills recovered Sunday night were worth more than \$30,000, and included more than 600 hydrocodone tablets, 201 oxycodone tablets, 412 methadone pills, 239 suboxone pills along with almost 500 other various prescription pills. Arrested after the raid was Donald Ray Howard, 71, of Bledsoe.



CHRIS PIETSCH, THE (EUGENE, ORE.) REGISTER-GUARD/AP

Horsing around

Principal Allan Chinn, dressed as a horse, directs hallway traffic as costumed students at Howard Elementary School in Eugene, Ore., parade through the school Wednesday on their way to the playground for a student-body-wide dance performance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." More than 300 zombies, ghouls, superheroes and other assorted creatures took part in the event at the end of their school day.

heard the dogs barking and whining Tuesday afternoon behind Redneck's Food & Pride.

He said the dogs were extremely dirty, but friendly. One is a 2-year-old poodle Shih Tzu mix and the other is an 8-year-old Lhasa Apso.

Vossekuil said the Humane Society hopes to find a home for the dogs soon.

Man evaluated after ear-biting attack

NY EVANS — A New York man faces criminal charges after police say he bit off part of another man's ear during an unprovoked attack.

Police in the town of Evans, southwest of Buffalo, said they shocked John Pawlowski, 31, with a stun gun upon arriving at the scene Tuesday to find two men struggling to restrain him on the front lawn of a home.

Pawlowski was taken to a hospital for a mental evaluation and was charged with assault, reckless endangerment and harassment.

Police said Pawlowski bit a groundskeeper's face for no apparent reason, tearing off skin

and part of his ear.

Teletubby break-in suspect faces charges

PA BETHLEHEM — A student accused of breaking into a friend's home while wearing a yellow Teletubby costume and stealing leftover food is facing charges.

Police said the Lehigh University student was dressed as the Laa-Laa character from the BBC children's series when he damaged a door early Sunday in Bethlehem. They said he went into the friend's refrigerator and dumped Chinese food into a "man purse" before leaving.

No charges were filed initially. But police Chief Mark DiLuzio said the home's occupants apparently changed their minds after the landlord became involved.

DiLuzio said a disorderly conduct-and-criminal mischief summons will be sent to the 20-year-old suspect — and the unusual nature of the case isn't lost on him.

He said, "Not that many Teletubbies get arrested. You can't make it up."

State senator's husband arrested in sign theft

DE MIDDLETOWN — The husband of a Delaware state senator was arrested after he was caught on video taking down political signs erected by Republicans, authorities said Thursday.

In a video posted to YouTube on Wednesday, Dana Armon Long, whose wife is Democratic state Sen. Bethany Hall-Long of Middletown, is shown carrying a handful of signs to his car. A man with a video camera appears to take Long by surprise and asks him what he's doing. Long unsuccessfully tries to hide behind the signs and says there was no name on the signs.

"We gotcha, brother," the man with the video camera tells Long. "We got your license plate, your face and everything."

The video had about 29,000 views Thursday.

An arrest warrant was issued for Long on Wednesday after police watched the video, Middletown Police Chief Daniel Yeager said. Long turned himself in

Thursday, when he was arrested on a theft charge and was released on bail, Yeager said.

"The tape doesn't tell a lie," Yeager said.

Man claims to be famed actor during arrest

TN MURFREESBORO — A Tennessee man being arrested on charges of illegal marijuana possession told police he was Academy Award-winning actor Denzel Washington.

Officers told Justin Lee Seay, 21, of Memphis, he wasn't fooling anyone — and quickly found that he had violated his probation on a separate case.

Police arrested Seay on Monday night after responding to a complaint of noise at his apartment.

While being arrested, police say, Seay declared he was Washington. His real identity surfaced after police booked him.

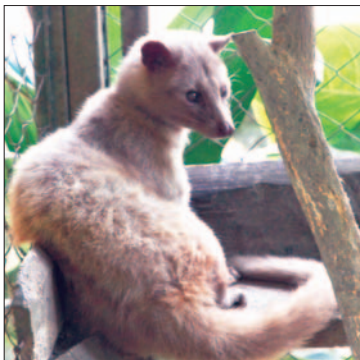
Officers say they found several bags of marijuana inside the apartment.

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TRAVEL



From poop to precious in a few simple steps: You start with arabica beans, above, which turn deep red when ripe. An Asian palm civet, right, a catlike mammal with a long snout, then eats them. Once workers collect the feces of the civet (or “luwak,” as it’s called in Indonesia), they remove the beans, wash them and turn them into grounds using a heavy mortar and pestle. The beans are roasted and steeped in water, resulting in a smooth-bodied cup of coffee.



This coffee is crap — and that’s a good thing

Smooth Indonesian brew uses coffee beans excreted by the catlike civet

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

Aesop’s goose that laid golden eggs was, alas, a fable.

But Indonesia’s catlike civet that poops a perfect cup of coffee?

That you can actually see, or more precisely, taste, in Indonesia.

Yes, *kopi luwak* coffee is now imported by and served in cafes around the world at exorbitant prices — it can go for as much as \$100 a cup in tonier establishments — but it’s another thing entirely to venture into the belly of the beast for a sip, so to speak.

During a recent visit to Bali, I made my way to ground zero of this exotic version of coffee — a plantation named OKA Agriculture near Tirta Empul temple.

OKA is a kind of farmers co-op in central Bali, where they grow coffee, tea and cocoa on the sweeping slopes of volcanic mountains, the kind of terrain where both coffee trees and the Asian palm civet, or *luwak*, as it’s called in Indonesia, thrive.

OKA, like many other coffee plantations in Indonesia, Vietnam and other neighboring countries, harvests coffee beans that have been eaten, semi-digested and then defecated by the *luwak*, which is a mammal about the size of a very large house cat.

Kopi luwak is said to be of superior taste for two reasons. First, the enzymes in the *luwak*’s digestive tract are supposed to reduce the beans’ bitterness and harshness. Second, the picky *luwak* chooses to eat only the highest-quality beans.



The undigested remains of coffee beans pass through the civet’s gut, leaving chunks like these for cleaning and processing before being roasted.

OKA claims to run a free-range *kopi luwak* operation, which means they pick up the excreted beans left pell-mell by the nocturnal-eating animals, rather than force-feeding them in cages — a practice decried as inhumane by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

They did have a couple of *luwaks* on display in large cages near the co-op’s tasting area, which is a warren of unadorned pavilions tucked under thickets of coffee trees. The pair spent most of their time curled up and sleeping in lumber perches in high branches.

Near the cages was a row of wicker baskets displaying the various stages of processing *luwak*-ized beans. First was a batch of feces-bound chunks of beans about the size of dates. Next they

were thoroughly scrubbed. Whatever skin of the bean remained after that was then peeled off, and the beans were ready for roasting, which takes about an hour.

Time for brewing. On the far low end of the caffeine scale, a cup of hot chocolate from pure ground cocoa beans is also served for free.

The cup of *kopi luwak* was prepared in a vacuum coffee maker, a contraption that wouldn’t be out of place in Frankenstein’s laboratory. The grounds are placed in an upper chamber, which is connected by a tube to a cup of water in a thin glass chamber below. As a flame heats the water, the



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A cup of “*kopi luwak*” coffee sells for 50,000 rupiah, or about \$4, at OKA Agriculture in Bali.

change in pressure forces it up through a tube to the grounds, where it steeps.

The woman making my cup of coffee removed the flame after the blend had steeped for about a half-minute. As it cooled, it flowed back into the lower chamber.

It truly was one fine cup of coffee.

It did lack bitterness, particularly compared with a typical cup of coffee in Indonesia. It contained less acid than most coffees, but some java fans highly value coffee’s acidic bite.

The smoothness of the *kopi*

luwak allowed more levels of flavor to stand out, such as an overtone lying somewhere between caramel and cashews. It also had a long finish so that a small sip lasted a long time.

Certainly the drinking experience was enhanced by the minute serving size. After all, one small sliver of expensive chocolate is exquisite; chomping on a two-pound bar dissipates the tasting’s charm. So, I didn’t have a second cup. I departed while just a touch of *kopi luwak*’s mystique remained alive.

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VIDEO GAMES

'THE EVIL WITHIN'

By MICHAEL DARNELL/*Stars and Stripes*

Shinji Mikami, the creator of "The Evil Within" and legendary mind behind much of the "Resident Evil" series, has created one beautifully cluttered desk with his most recent foray into the survival horror genre.

See, to the owner of a messy desk, the jumbled array of papers, pens, unwashed coffee mugs and day-old doughnuts is ordered. To everybody else, it's just chaos. Work alongside a Messy Marvin long enough, and eventually their sense of disorder will eventually begin to make sense.

So it goes with "The Evil Within," a game that at first blush appears to be a mess, but by the end its chaos and disharmony becomes an enjoyable rhythm all its own.

The game is immediately recognizable as the work of Mikami, even if you aren't able to place a name to his indelible style. The sense of dread and claustrophobia found in his previous games is also found here, as is his fondness for using blood as an ink to tell a tale.

So too is his love of mixing genres while still treading familiar ground.

A GROTESQUE WORLD PACKED WITH SCARES



Photos Courtesy of Bethesda Softworks

"The Evil Within" opens as three police officers are called to investigate a murder at the Beacon Mental Hospital. Once they arrive, something appropriately creepy happens that causes them to split up. From there on, the game largely centers on Detective Sebastian Castellanos, an officer with a troubled past.

As Castellanos investigates the mental hospital, he uncovers experiments being conducted by an evil scientist, a young woman unjustly killed and reanimated as a monster and a chainsaw-wielding behemoth looking to massacre everything in sight.

Stop me if any of this sounds familiar.

Its gameplay is equally familiar, as it borrows very heavily from Mikami's "Resident Evil 4." As Castellanos makes his trek through the landscape of "The Evil Within," he'll explore darkened rooms, fight off "undead" hordes with limited ammunition and use the environment to fend off otherwise invincible foes.

Both games also use the now fairly common over-the-shoulder camera viewpoint that "Resident Evil 4" popularized in the horror genre. That mechanic, unlike the story, is more a refinement than a copy. At least Castellanos can move while shooting, a trick Leon Kennedy couldn't quite master until later versions of the game.

While the mechanics are very much "Resident Evil 4," the rest of the gameplay adheres a little less strictly to that formula. Any formula, really.

In fact, it takes a while for "The Evil Within" to know what genre it wants to be. In the early stages, Castellanos is the hero of a stealthy mystery game. He'll have to sneak around, hiding under beds and stealthily eliminating foes in order to survive.

The very next chapter will load him up with enough am-

munition to take down a small army, which shifts the game into action territory. Right after that, it goes to some odd middle ground where stealth isn't an option and ammunition isn't abundant, so it then becomes a "running away from everything" simulator. The loading screens inform players that sometimes running away is the best option, so this is obviously an intentional part of the game design.

Castellanos will never have to hide under beds or in closets after the initial chapters and some of the enemies from those levels never appear again, so the genre shift is fairly pronounced.

About a third of the way through, the game does find a sweet spot and sticks with it through the end. There are a couple of action setpieces, but outside of those, the game becomes very much about surviving using the environment and a limited set of supplies.

When it finally hits that note, "The Evil Within" becomes the enthralling next-gen sequel that "Resident Evil 4" deserved, and Mikami's brilliant use of gameplay to enhance the sense of horror

avoid traps and the monsters that lurk in the shadows.

Compound that with the fact that every enemy is dangerous and you have a game packed with scares and a tense feeling of dread that never leaves.

The finite resources make exploring every corner both a necessity and a gamble, as that room off the beaten path might hold much-needed healing items and ammo, or simply a gruesome death.

And make no mistake, you will die often. "The Evil Within" is a hard game. While some of that difficulty is organic—in the way of smart enemies who give chase and will even chuck when the situation demands it—some of it feels artificial.

Enemies and crates randomly carry items, so sometimes you'll simply be out of ammo because the creatures you killed dropped nothing to use. On reload, you might find yourself flush with ammo. Add to that the numerous instant-death scenarios and monsters that can kill with one hit, and you are left with a very uneven experience that might frustrate some players.

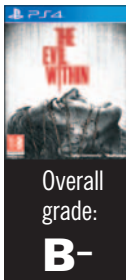
It's worth pushing past that frustration, though, as the game does reward the patient and the diligent with some of the best gameplay the horror genre has seen in some time.

If you can shove aside the stack of genres, brush off the stale story crums and refamiliarize yourself with its layout, you might just find an enjoyable place to sit and enjoy a bloody good time among the chaos that is "The Evil Within."

Bottom line: B- Horror game fans will enjoy this, even if it's a little rough around the edges.

Platforms: PC, Xbox 360, PS3, Xbox One, PS4

Online: theevilwithin.com



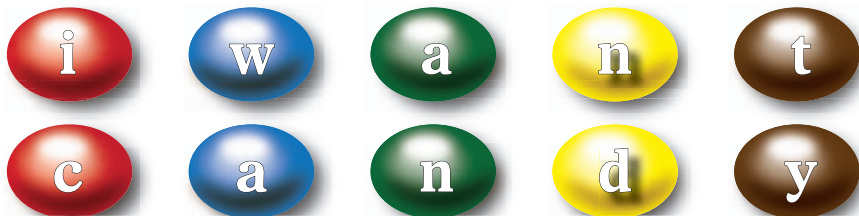
shines bright

The game uses a close camera angle that adds to the claustrophobic environments and the invasive sense of danger. Dark is actually dark in "The Evil Within," and Castellanos will have to use his ever-present lantern to



While investigating the scene of a gruesome mass murder, Detective Sebastian Castellanos and his partners encounter a mysterious and powerful force. Thrown into a deranged world where hideous creatures wander among the dead, Castellanos tries to unravel what's behind this evil force as he fights for his survival in "The Evil Within."

HEALTH & FITNESS



Are sweet treats the next battleground in America's health war?



By JOE HEIM

The Washington Post

We take joy where we find it in life, and I've almost always found joy in candy. Unwrapping a frozen Charleston Chew, biting into the sweet, salty perfection of a Reese's peanut butter cup or daintily consuming a handful of unjustly maligned candy corn reaffirms the world's wonder for me. I seek out candy's company, near and far. In 1992, I wrote a letter to Cadbury executives in England urging them to make more of their British brands available in the United States. "If we find that enough members of the public share your enthusiasm, you may well find the Cadbury range will be expanded," they wrote back. Who, I wondered, could possibly not share my enthusiasm?

When the candymakers tell me their product is about fun and pleasure, I not only believe them, I want to be one of them. And yet.

And yet America is a nation of scale-busters. Two out of every three of us are overweight. We're No. 1 with a bullet on the world's obesity chart, and no one is catching us anytime soon. A sugar-fueled diabetes epidemic looms. Public health advocates long ago took notice of this rising fat and sugar tide and have pushed for changes to stem a health disaster. Soda companies have come under siege; trans-fats were punished into near oblivion. The phrase "high-fructose corn syrup" is now uttered with lip-curling contempt.

America's candymakers insist that they aren't the problem. They point out that Americans get only 2 percent of their daily calories from candy. They argue that Americans understand that candy is a treat to be

eaten in moderation. They state that candy can be a part of a balanced diet.

And that might all be true, but the candy-makers also sense that sugar is public health enemy No. 1. The health advocates and regulators who went after soda and trans fats now have candy in their crosshairs.

No one wants a world without candy — a world without candy is no world at all. But advocates say something has to give in the battle between health and choice.

And the fate of the growing U.S. candy industry, which went from \$25.8 billion in sales in 2003 to almost \$34 billion last year, might tell us something about where America is headed in terms of health, regulations and the freedom to choose whatever we want to eat whenever we want to eat it.

The future of food takes shape daily across Washington, D.C., in the offices of lobbyists, industry regulators, senators, representatives, think tankers, policy analysts and public health advocates. The stakes are high for everyone.

For 15 years, Margo Wootan, director of nutrition policy at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, has been pushing hard on the anti-sugar front. She's worked with a large coalition to bring about the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act in 2010, which brought vast changes to nutrition requirements at all schools that receive any federal funding.

In addition to improving the standards of food served in schools and increasing fruit and vegetable servings, a portion of the law that went into effect in September required that all candy, sugary drinks and non-nutritional snacks be removed from school cafeterias and vending machines. "By taking candy out of schools we're saying candy is not an everyday food, and it's something you should be eating a lot less of," Wootan says.

By the end of the lobbying process on that bill, the candy industry was aligning with parents and with an overall push toward healthier eating that has been led in no small part by first lady Michelle Obama's fitness-awareness efforts. For a few advocates, the law didn't go far enough, but with its passage, the anti-sugar forces had notched their first significant piece of legislation.

Just as schools were shedding candy, a less-noticed effort was taking place at state and local levels. From Seattle to Los Angeles

to Chicago to New York to Washington, governments began implementing programs that reduced or eliminated the sale of candy and unhealthy snack food in public buildings.

"Governments are deciding that it really doesn't make sense for them to have obesity campaigns, which are often high-profile and a big priority, and then you walk into the health department or any public building and they have these vending machines that are chock-full of candy and soda and chips," Wootan tells me.

Wootan senses momentum and doesn't want to see the sugar-removal effort stop at the boundaries of schools and public buildings. She is preparing a campaign to rid candy and unhealthy snacks from all checkout aisles of grocery and convenience stores. This strategy is borrowed from Great Britain, where earlier this year Tesco, the United Kingdom's largest supermarket and convenience store chain, announced it would remove all candy at checkouts.

Other U.K. chains are doing the same, says Malcolm Clark, coordinator of the London-based Children's Food Campaign, which led the effort.

Could candy removal work on this side of the Atlantic? Currently, most supermarkets in the United States have one or two checkout lanes where candy is not sold. Those are mostly intended for parents who have small children and don't want to endure the ruthless negotiating of 4-year-olds with visions of Sour Patch Kids in their heads.

But Wootan isn't just worried about whiny kids; she's also thinking about weak-willed grown-ups. "Companies know that at the end of a shop, your willpower is at a very low point, and then they assault you with this huge display of candy, knowing that it will induce impulse buying. Pushing people to buy food that they didn't want, that is going to harm their health, just doesn't seem appropriate, given the high rates of obesity."

Of course, the idea of restricting choice simply because Americans might not want to make a healthy choice is not roundly popular, particularly not with ... Americans.

But what is to be done, and who should decide? Is America capable of going on a diet and eating healthier without being pushed and prodded and punished to do so?

There's a clean-cut sameness to the offices of most Washington trade groups. In a button-down town, a lobby shop shouldn't stand out too much. Unless you represent candy.

The National Confectioners Association painted its Georgetown offices a blizzard of candy. It borrows from every shade of Skittle. Imagine a workplace designed by Willy Wonka. Every piece of art in this brightly

lighted office is candy-themed. There's an American flag fashioned from Tootsie Pop wrappers, Hershey Bar coasters on the tables. There is also a glass-enclosed, climate-controlled candy room where visitors are invited to help themselves from a staggering assortment of the best-known names in American confectionery. Full disclosure: I helped myself. (I couldn't help myself.)

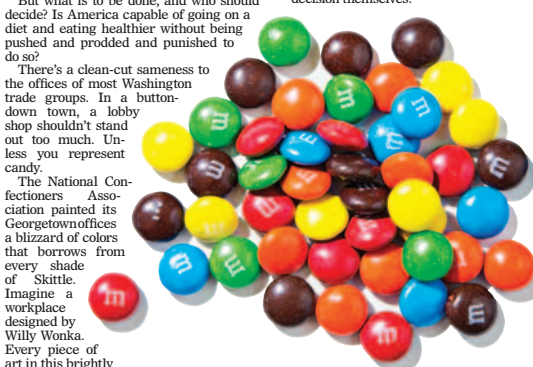
John Downs took the reins earlier this year as the NCA's new chief executive. Sitting on a couch in his executive suite across from the candy room, the former Coca-Cola executive spins around a Diet Coke and makes candy's argument against regulation.

"There is so much negative publicity around sugar," he says. "So we've got to do a better job, obviously, in articulating our case in the role that candy plays in a balanced lifestyle. ... I think our message is clear. It's about balance and moderation."

"Balance and moderation" is a phrase he will repeat numerous times over the next half-hour, and it is a phrase echoed man-trailike by industry leaders. The health and wellness issue is a sensitive topic, and candymakers have become accustomed to playing defense and occasionally giving ground. When criticized for aiming television advertising at children, most candymakers agreed to pull back. Brands have also created sugar-free offerings and reduced portion sizes.

But candy can change only so much before it stops being candy. And the NCA is pushing back against demands to further limit its marketing or availability to customers. Removing candy from all checkout aisles would be a big blow to the industry.

"The majority of consumers don't want government to restrict their access to food; they want education around how to consume indulgent foods," says Alison Bodor, the NCA's executive vice president. "Even dieters will say there's a role for candy in the diet, albeit a small one. And we're all fine with that. We agree. But removing access or trying to remove choice is an unfortunate outcome, and I think most consumers reject that policy and feel that they can make that decision themselves."



The World Health Organization this year changed its maximum daily recommended intake of sugar for the average adult to 25 grams, the equivalent of 47 M&M's.

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BOOKS

BY ROHAN PRESTON
Star Tribune

It's about 3 p.m. on Oct. 1, the biggest day in Marlon James' career — if not his life. His third novel, "A Brief History of Seven Killings," hit bookstores with more buzz than a swarm of bees.

James is on his phone with prominent Jamaican blogger Annie Paul, who has just published her interview with him online. The blog post, in which James discusses his novel about the 1976 attempted assassination of Bob Marley in Kingston, has upset editors at The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, each of which has a story on James coming out soon.

"Can you please take it down?" James asks Paul, no sign of upset in his voice.

She wonders why anyone would care about her little blog in Jamaica.

"It's just for a little bit," he says. "It's an embargo thing."

Reluctantly, Paul agrees. "Alright, cool," he says, signing off. "The Times, I've worked with them — they always have to be first."

The media storm is all about "Seven Killings," a nearly 700-page novel published by Riverhead, a Penguin imprint. The press is sending James on a multiweek national tour to support a work that blunt New York Times critic Michiko Kakutani called "epic in every sense of that word: sweeping, mythic, over-the-top, colossal and dizzyingly complex."

Novelist Russell Banks has been similarly effusive, saying that "Seven Killings" is "scary and lyrically beautiful — you'll want to read whole pages aloud to strangers."

The book is "an indispensable and essential history of Jamaica's troubled years," said Publishers Weekly.

Make no mistake: "Seven" is no easy airport read. The novel, which James has been thinking about for decades and which he completed over the past four years, radiates from the Dec. 3, 1976, assassination attempt on Marley, the reggae superstar. Two days after dodging most of the bullets, an injured Marley headlined a peace concert in Kingston, the Jamaican capital, standing between the leaders of the two political parties like, he would later say, Jesus between the two thieves.

James uses the assassination attempt as a

touchstone to create an imaginative, Joycean mosaic of social history that pulls in a dizzying cast of characters.

"Seven Killings" takes place in 1970s Jamaica, where the CIA, intent on Jamaica's not becoming a socialist country, armed rival political gangs that would morph into the posers that ruled parts of New York and Miami in the 1980s and 1990s. There are spies, gang bosses, politicians, musicians, banders and dreamers.

James' first novel, "John Crow's Devil," was published by small, independent Akashic Press. He moved to Riverhead for "The Book of Night Women," a novel set in the 19th century and told in a woman's voice. That one has been optioned for a film, but it didn't approach the rapturous reviews that make "Seven Killings" a breakout book for the 43-year-old author.

James has the physique of the track runner he once was (his specialty was the 200 meters, although he could not cut it in the land of Usain Bolt and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce). To tame his dreadlocks, he sometimes wraps his hair in a bandanna. And he inspires awe in his students at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.

It seems that he has been living for this moment. On his official publication day, as he bounds into his rented loft atop the Midtown Global Market in south Minneapolis, he is greeted by a blast of bright light coming in large windows that give a panoramic view all the way to St. Paul. Framed posters and photographs of primitives and nudes cover the walls, along with framed album covers — Hendrix, the Stones, Grace Jones. It's the kind of place where Jean-Michel Basquiat and David Bowie would feel right at home.

James sits at a table and flips open his MacBook Air to see what all that fuss is about. He clicks on the article in the Times, hoping aloud that he hasn't used up



PHOTOS BY RENEE JONES SCHNEIDER/Star Tribune

Marlon James teaches a class at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. The author is drawing rave reviews for his latest novel, "A Brief History of Seven Killings."

his 10 free stories this month. The author photo strikes him first.

"That's the one they chose?" James says. "I thought I was smiling; I'm not that serious."

His phone buzzes constantly, and there also are dings coming from his computer indicating social-media updates from friends and followers. He switches to Facebook, and exclaims as he sees who has posted on his page: "Victor Chang!" he says. "He was my first writing teacher at UW1," the University of the West Indies.

As he reads, he pauses to address a question of language that comes up about this work. The book is told in voices from a wide strata of Jamaican society, from slang and Patwa to the queen's English.

Patwa, he says, is not some dialect of English or, worse, "broken English," but its own language.

"It has its own rules, grammar, everything that a language needs to function," James says. "True, it's not written down, but not every language is written."

"Seven Killings" is James' imaginative attempt to make sense of his formative years. He was born in 1970, two years before Michael Manley swept to power, promising a Sweden-style socialist paradise. On the other side was American-born Edward Seaga, often referred to as CIA-ga. More than a thousand people died in political violence that brought Seaga to power in 1980. Manley returned to power from 1989 to 1992.

'Epic in every sense of the word'

Marlon James examines 1976 assassination attempt on Bob Marley in 'Seven Killings'

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MOVIES



Adrienne Palicki co-stars in the action thriller "John Wick."

By JOSH ROTTENBERG
Los Angeles Times

If you've ever watched some chiseled action hero coolly taking out bad guys on-screen and thought to yourself, "How hard could that be?" I have two words for you: Try it.

On a recent afternoon, I paid a visit to 87Eleven in Inglewood, Calif., a stunt choreography studio run by Chad Stahelski and David Leitch, two of Hollywood's most in-demand stunt coordinators and co-directors of the bloody Keanu Reeves revenge thriller "John Wick." Here in this unmarked warehouse near Los Angeles International Airport, Stahelski, 46, Leitch, 42, and their team have trained numerous actors to look like fearsome warriors in films such as "300," "The Bourne Legacy" and "The Hunger Games."

A mild-mannered, middle-aged father of two who has never wielded a weapon outside of an Xbox game, I am no one's idea of an action star. Could Stahelski and Leitch do for me what they've done for Brad Pitt, Hugh Jackman and Jason Statham—in less than an hour?

We started with Action Movie 101: handling a pistol. After some brief instruction, I managed to get down the basics of ejecting the magazine from a handgun, pop-

ping in a new one, cocking, aiming and pulling the trigger well enough that I no longer felt like I was wrestling a small, angry octopus. But within a few minutes, Stahelski and Leitch dramatically upped the ante, choreographing a scenario in which I was to shoot four bad guys who were closing in on me from different directions.

Look left, pivot, shoot bad guy No. 1 ... look over the shoulder, aim under the armpit, shoot bad guy No. 2 ... look right, drop to the knee, shoot bad guy No. 3 ... look left, shoot bad guy No. 4 two times, then spin and shoot bad guy No. 1 again because it turns out he was only wounded. Got it? OK, now imagine there's a camera pointed at you, dozens of crew members watching and millions of dollars on the line. Try to appear cool.

While I was blowing away imaginary villains, Reeves—for whom these sorts of moves are mere child's play—waited patiently in the wings. "It's all about getting the rhythm," he told me afterward. "With experience, you know a bit more about your body and where you have to end up. The timing is everything."

In "John Wick," Reeves costars with Willem Dafoe and Michael Nyqvist as a hit man who comes out of retirement to exact revenge on a gang of underworld criminals who have stolen his car and killed his dog. To portray this as-

sassin whose very name strikes terror in the cold hearts of fellow killers required Reeves, who recently turned 50, to pull off a series of physically grueling and highly complex action scenes involving high body counts—and make it all look effortless.

For the actor, who most recently starred in the martial-arts films "47 Ronin" and "Man of Tai Chi" but hasn't done this type of full-tilt action in years, the prospect of making a gonzo, guns-blazing film like "John Wick" with Stahelski and Leitch, who are making their directorial debut, was a daunting but exciting one.

"There was some judo and jujitsu I had never done, and I hadn't done anything with weapons in a long time," said Reeves, who first got to know Leitch and Stahelski when they performed stunts on the "Matrix" films. "Working with Chad and Dave, there was an ambition to do something at a high level. They've wanted to direct a film for a long time, and they wanted to raise the bar, have a style, have a vision."

Stahelski and Leitch first met in the early 1990s at a martial arts academy and soon segued into the movie business as stuntmen. "A stunt coordinator saw me compete one day, and he asked me to double a guy on a low-budget Kris Kristofferson movie," Stahelski remembered. "I got the paycheck and I realized I could get paid more not getting hit in the head than getting hit in the head."

Over the years, performing stunts, choreographing onscreen mayhem and directing second unit on action-heavy movies, Stahelski and Leitch had experimented with blending flying fists and firearms into a hybrid they call "gun fu." With "John Wick," they saw an opportunity to give

this fighting style full expression. "That mix of gunplay and martial arts was something we always wanted to put in a movie," said Stahelski. "We just needed the right world, and we needed the right actor."

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Keanu Reeves
star of 'John Wick'

In Reeves, they found an actor who not only possessed tremendous facility with various types of action but was also willing to push his body to the limit. "We've had the pleasure to work with a lot of actors, but Keanu is as hard-core as they come," Leitch said. "He's as hard-boiled as John Wick. We asked more of him than we'd ever asked of any actor, and he never let us down."

Not that it was easy. "Being older, there were moments when it was really tough," said Reeves. "You want to be able to do everything, but there were certain times during filming, when you're in the 16th hour of the third day of shooting (a big action sequence),

when I just couldn't do something. That was depressing."

To help his body recuperate, Reeves had the kind of cold plunge bath used by high-level athletes installed in his guest bathroom. "I first learned about ice on 'The Matrix,' but this was another level. I'd get home from a day of filming, get the water to 37 degrees and lie in it up my neck," he smiled. "Heaven."

Of course, not every actor Stahelski and Leitch works with possesses Reeves' skills and fortitude. There are some, Stahelski says diplomatically, "who may not possess the physical attributes to be what's on the page."

And then there is me. Despite Stahelski and Leitch's efforts to make me look like one of the stars of the "The Expendables," even after a series of clumsy repetitions, I was still about at the level of Don Knotts in "The Shaggy Dog in the West." Stahelski told me not to feel bad: "You've done this eight or nine times. If we're working with an actor, we'll rehearse something like this 400 times."

Indeed, no matter how ungrainy someone might be when they first walk into 87Eleven, with enough training and a dash of movie magic, he or she can be made to look like a fierce killing machine onscreen. "We will bring them as close as we can physically, and then through stunt doubles or camera work or VFX (visual effects) or whatever we can do, we will help create the hero," Stahelski said.

In other words, there might be hope for me yet. "Some editing, a little slow-mo, some blood effects—you'd look great," Stahelski said. "Trust me, there were moments of coolness in there."

Watch your back, Reeves.

Tough guys in training

Stunt choreographers turn stars into stone-cold killers



Keanu Reeves stars as an ex-hitman who comes out of retirement to track down a group of thugs who killed his dog in "John Wick." Reeves, who performed a series of highly complex and physically grueling action scenes as the title character, trained with stunt choreographers-turned-directors Chad Stahelski and David Leitch.

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Gas almost under \$3: What to know

By JONATHAN FAHEY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The sight is so surprising that Americans are sharing photos of it, along with those sweeping vistas and special meals: The gas station sign, with a price under \$3 per gallon.

"It's stunning what's happening here," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. "I'm a little bit shocked."

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 33 cents in October, landing Friday at \$3.00, according to AAA, and soon will dip under \$3 for the first time in four years.

When the national average surpassed \$3 per gallon in December of 2010, drivers weren't sure they'd ever see \$2.99 again. Global demand for oil and gasoline was rising as people in developing countries bought cars by the tens of millions and turmoil was brewing in the oil-rich

Middle East.

Now demand isn't rising as fast as expected, drillers have learned to tap vast new sources of oil, particularly in the U.S., and crude continues to flow out of the Middle East.

Seasonal swings and other factors likely will send gas back over \$3 sooner than drivers would like, but the U.S. is on track for the lowest annual average since 2010 — and the 2015 average is expected to be lower even still.

Here are a few things to know about cheap gas:

■ Crude prices came off the boil. Oil fell from \$107 per barrel in June to near \$81 because there's a lot of supply and weak demand. U.S. output has increased 70 percent since 2008, and supplies from Iraq and Canada also have increased. At the same time, demand is weaker than expected because of a sluggish global economy.

■ In the past, a stronger economy in the U.S., the world's biggest

consumer of oil and gasoline, typically meant rising fuel demand. No longer. Americans are driving more efficient vehicles and our driving habits are changing. Michael Sivak of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute calculates that the number of miles traveled per household and gallons of fuel consumed per household peaked in 2004.

■ The drop from last year's average of \$3.51 per gallon will save the typical U.S. household about \$50 per month.

■ The drop will save the U.S. economy \$187 million per day, and also boost the profits of shippers, airlines, and any company that sends employees out on sales calls or for deliveries.

■ It will take an extra 1.5 years of savings on gasoline to make purchasing a Toyota Prius instead of a Toyota Camry pay off.

■ New York's average of \$3.37 is the highest in the continental U.S. South Carolina and Tennessee

are the lowest, with an average of \$2.75.

■ Politicians are either going to take the credit for lower gasoline prices or blame the other party for not helping them fall further. Don't listen. There are small things politicians can do over long time horizons, like implementing fuel economy standards or easing drilling regulations, but the decline in prices is mainly due to market forces.

MARKET WATCH

Oct. 30, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	221.11
Nasdaq composite	16.91
Standard & Poor's 500	4,566.15
Russell 2000	9.40
S&P 500	1,155.77

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 3)	\$1.2905
Dollar buys (Nov. 3)	€0.7749
British pound (Nov. 3)	\$1.64
Japanese yen (Nov. 4)	107.00
South Korean won (Nov. 3)	1,030.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5961/6265
Canada (dollar)	1.1278
China (Yuan)	6.1127
Denmark (Krone)	5.9507
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.2510/7993
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7552
Hungary (Forint)	246.65
Israel (Shekel)	3.7960
Japan (Yen)	111.97
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2906
Norway (Krone)	6.7742
Philippines (Peso)	45.703
Poland (Zloty)	3.37
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7518
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2860
South Korea (Won)	1,072.82
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9645
Thailand (Baht)	32.59
Turkey (New Lira)	2.1272

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., currencies of other countries), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to the dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Account on call	4.25
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	3.05

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Saturday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	64	38	PCldy	Chatanooga	48	33	Cldy	Fort Wayne	41	27	PCldy	Louisville	45	33	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	41	36	Snow	Cheyenne	68	36	PCldy	Fresno	66	54	PCldy	Lubbock	46	37	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	40	39	Cldy	Chicago	45	30	PCldy	Goodland	64	32	Cir	Macon	58	38	Cir
Albuquerque	64	49	Cldy	Cincinnati	45	31	Cldy	Grand Junction	46	31	Cir	Madison	43	22	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	50	41	Rain	Cleveland	42	38	Rain	Grand Rapids	40	26	Cir	Medford	53	41	Cldy
Amarillo	64	38	Cir	Colorado Springs	70	39	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	44	30	Snow	Memphis	51	32	Cir
Anchorage	36	27	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	49	43	Cldy	Green Bay	41	23	Cir	Miami Beach	79	63	Cir
Asheville	38	30	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	56	39	Cir	Greenville, S.C.	55	40	Snow	Midland-Odessa	67	44	PCldy
Atlanta	51	35	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	45	37	Cldy	Harrisburg	54	38	Snow	Midvale	45	30	Cir
Atlantic City	55	48	Rain	Concord, N.H.	48	37	Rain	Hartford	59	46	Cir	Milwaukee	43	30	Cir
Austin	68	43	Cir	Corpus Christi	76	54	Cir	Helena	58	39	PCldy	Missoula	51	38	Cir
Baltimore	51	43	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	61	38	Cir	Honolulu	97	73	Cir	Mobile	68	38	Cir
Baton Rouge	61	39	Cir	Dayton	43	31	Cldy	Houston	68	45	Cir	Montgomery	57	36	Cir
Bilings	66	43	PCldy	Daytona Beach	66	54	Cir	Huntsville	51	32	Cir	Nashville	49	31	PCldy
Birmingham	52	33	Cir	Denver	72	37	PCldy	Indianapolis	43	29	Cir	New Orleans	61	45	Cir
Blmarck	52	28	Cir	Des Moines	45	23	Cir	Jacksonville	58	34	Cir	New York City	54	46	Rain
Boise	53	46	Rain	Detroit	42	33	Cldy	Jacksonville	59	46	Cir	Newark	55	46	Cir
Boston	50	45	PCldy	El Paso	78	55	PCldy	Janeau	43	35	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	48	39	Rain
Bridgeport	52	44	Rain	Elkins	78	55	PCldy	Kansas City	48	25	Cir	North Platte	56	24	PCldy
Brownsville	79	63	PCldy	Erie	43	39	Rain	Knoxville	44	33	Snow	Omaha	49	25	Cir
Buffalo	43	40	Rain	Eugene	57	43	Cldy	Lake Charles	60	42	Cir	Orlando	67	55	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	48	35	Snow	Evansville	47	31	Cir	Lansing	39	27	PCldy	Paduach	48	29	Cir
Caribou, Maine	41	32	Snow	Fairbanks	18	04	Cir	Las Vegas	69	60	Cir	Pendleton	51	40	Cir
Casper, Wyo.	72	40	Cir	Fargo	44	23	Cir	Lexington	41	33	Cldy	Perth	47	35	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	53	46	Cir	Flagstaff	56	42	Cir	Lincoln	51	24	Cir	Philadelphia	52	45	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	43	36	Rain	Fort Smith	39	28	Cir	Little Rock	55	32	Cir	Phoenix	80	68	PCldy
Charlotte, N.C.	44	37	Snow				Los Angeles	66	60	Cldy	Pittsburgh	40	39	Rain	

National temperature extremes

Hi: Thu., 94, Phoenix, Ariz.	Lo: Mon., 10, Fairbanks, Alaska
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The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

National temperature extremes
Hi: Thu., 94, Phoenix, Ariz.
Lo: Thu., 12, Boulder, Wyo.

INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stars as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stars reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at stripes.com or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in

Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.



STARS AND STRIPES® RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

2014 VFW News Media Award –
For outstanding contribution to a
better understanding of our
American way of life and its
institutions and interests by
honest and forthright reporting.

2013 Military Reporters
and Editors Awards –
Notable Narrative Winner
Recipient: Laura Rauch

2013 Best American Newspaper
Narrative Writing Contest –
Notable Narrative Winner
Recipient: Martin Kuz:
"Soldiers Recount Attack"

2013 National Headline Awards –
Second Place: News Series
(Forever After: A Warrior Wounded;
A Family Challenged)

2013 min Best of Web: Redesign –
Honorable Mention
Stripes UK website

2011 Military Photographer of the Year –
Honorable Mention
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award –
Breaking News Photography
(Newspaper Circulation 100,001+
or Affiliated Website/National
Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch:
"For those I love I will sacrifice"

2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary
Award for Excellence in Journalism –
Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters
and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage
($< 100,000$ circulation)
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headliner Awards –
First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) –
Third Place: News Series
(Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism –
George Polk Award for Military Reporting
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III
and Kevin Barton

2009 min Editorial & Design Awards –
Editorial Print /
Special Supplement: HEROES 2009;
Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

2007 Military Reporters
and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage ($< 100,000$ circulation)
Recipient: Monte Morin

2006 Military Reporters
and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage
($< 100,000$ circulation)
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano;
Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery
Photography: Fred Zimmerman

2005 Military Reporters
and Editors Awards –
Overseas coverage
($< 100,000$ circulation)
Recipients: Steve Lewis
Photography: Terry Boyd

2004 American Legion Excellence in
Journalism Award –
Ground Truth Series

2003 Scripps Howard Foundation
National Journalism Award –
First Amendment, Finalist

Frazz



Dilbert



Pearls Before Swine



Non Sequitur



Candorville



Get Fuzzy



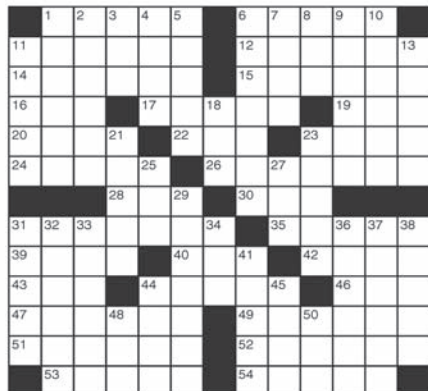
Beetle Bailey



Bizarro



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS

- Complaint
- Approximately
- over (fainted)
- Estimates
- Comparison
- Garland
- Canto lead-in
- Fits in snugly
- "CSI" evidence
- Scraps
- Speck
- Winkling
- Louisiana back-water
- Most lascivious
- Curved line
- Mainlander's memento
- Have some common ground
- Quake
- Luck, old-style
- Clear the tables
- Doing
- First X or O?
- Chop finely
- Blunder
- Darth, when younger
- Painkiller brand
- Oust from the throne
- Whitman's door-

- yard bloomers
- Believer of a sort
- Proclamation

- Takes to the skies
- "Bye"
- Web address
- Director Craven
- Presidential advisors
- Eightsome
- Having striations
- Flee
- Bit of wordplay
- Poison remedy
- Unyielding
- Early periods
- Climb
- Fail to hit
- Oklahoma city
- Japanese pond fish
- Boxing legend

DOWN

- Categories
- Buildings
- Under the weather
- Lowly worker
- Two- sword
- Property
- Tiny particles
- Cousin of 19-Across
- Pamper
- Sports venues
- Skewered entree
- Agent 86
- Fa-la connector

Answer to Previous Puzzle



CRYPTOQUIP

LN Y DX QMCUDXSS UCXW UAXU

AXQ X QWYMC O ACNNRZB XQ

RUQ SYBY XZO WXQTYU: UAC

SYQ XZBCSCQ MRLLCNQ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE GHOULISH THIEF WAS CAUGHT STEALING VARIOUS HEADSTONES, HE FACED GRAVE CHARGES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals A

SCOREBOARD/COLLEGE BASKETBALL/SPORTS BRIEFS

FROM PAGE 24

Golf

CIMB Classic

PGA Tour
Thursday
At Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Purse: \$7 million
Yardage: 6,585; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round
a-mature

Rikard Karlberg	31-34-65	-7
Billy Hurley III	33-34-67	-5
Brian Stuard	34-33-67	-5
Tommy Fleetwood	35-33-68	-4
Tim Winkler	33-35-68	-4
Ryan Moore	33-35-68	-4
Kevin Stransman	35-33-68	-4
Davis Love III	33-35-68	-4
Sung Yul Noh	34-34-68	-4
Jeff Overton	31-37-68	-4
Sonny Sundstrom	34-34-68	-4
David Lingmerth	35-33-68	-4
John Huh	34-34-68	-4
Scott Stallings	33-36-69	-3
Sergio Garcia	37-32-69	-3
Kevin Na	34-35-69	-3
Jonas Blieden	32-37-69	-3
Danny Lee	34-35-69	-3
Matt Every	35-34-69	-3
Will MacKenzie	35-34-69	-3
Kevin Chappell	34-35-69	-3
Rory Sammons	35-34-69	-3
Rory Sabbatini	34-36-70	-2
Patrick Reed	34-36-70	-2
Chris Stroud	35-35-70	-2
Cameron Smith	34-36-70	-2
Hideki Matsuyama	34-36-70	-2
Jonathan Byrd	35-35-70	-2
Blayne Barber	33-37-70	-2
Brendon de Jonge	35-35-70	-2
Brian Babb	35-35-71	-1
Gary Woodland	35-35-71	-1
Steven Bowditch	36-35-71	-1
K.J. Choi	35-35-71	-1
Michael Putnam	35-36-71	-1
Tommy Fleetwood	35-36-71	-1
Heath Slocum	33-38-71	-1
Ricky Barnes	35-36-71	-1

LPGA Taiwan Championship

Thursday
At Miramar Resort and Country Club
Taipei, Taiwan
Purse: \$2 million
Yardage: 6,425; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round
a-mature

Shanshan Feng	32-32-64	-8
Inbee Park	33-31-64	-8
a-Sau Chia Cheng	34-32-66	-6
Haru Nori	33-33-66	-6
So Yeon Ryu	33-35-66	-6
Lin Hsiao Wen	34-32-66	-6
Eun-Hee Ji	33-34-67	-5
K. Kim	33-34-67	-5
Stacy Lewis	33-34-67	-5
Na Yeon Choi	32-36-68	-4
Laura Diaz	34-34-68	-4
Mi Hyang Lee	34-34-68	-4
Brittany Lincicome	35-33-68	-4
Azahara Munoz	35-33-68	-4
Michelle Wie	34-34-68	-4
Moriya Tsurumai	34-35-69	-3
Chun-Hee Park	34-35-69	-3
Candice Kung	34-35-69	-3
IHee Lee	34-35-69	-3
Perella Lindberg	35-31-69	-3
Yan Tseng	34-35-69	-3
Pai-Yun Chien	33-37-70	-2
Chella Choi	34-36-70	-2
Carliota Cipanda	32-38-70	-2
Wei Ling Hsu	35-35-70	-2
Theresa Rasmussen	35-35-70	-2
Brittany Lang	32-38-70	-2
Tzu-Chi Lin	35-35-70	-2
Stephanie Henderson	35-35-70	-2
Beatriz Recari	35-35-70	-2
Paula Reto	35-35-70	-2
Sarah Jane Smith	36-34-70	-2
Thidapa Suwananaporn	33-37-70	-2
Ayako Uehara	34-36-70	-2
Amy Yang	35-35-70	-2
Marina Alex	36-35-71	-1
a-Doris Chen	37-34-71	-1
Laura Davies	34-37-71	-1
Sandra Kim	35-36-71	-1
Kim Koelman	35-36-71	-1
Meena Lee	35-36-71	-1
Amy Novak	36-33-71	-1
Ji Young Oh	35-36-71	-1
Marjorie Uribe	37-34-71	-1
Pei-Lin Yu	35-35-71	-1

Charles Schwab Cup

Champions Tour
Thursday
At Desert Mountain Club (Cochise)
Scottsdale, Arizona
Purse: \$2.5 million
Yardage: 6,525; Par: 70 (35-35)
First Round

Tom Pernice Jr.	34-31-65	-5
Joe Durant	33-33-66	-4
John Janney	35-31-66	-4
Kenny Perry	33-33-66	-4
Bernard Langer	34-33-66	-4
Billy Andrade	34-34-68	-2
Oliver Browne	34-34-68	-2
Russ Cochran	35-33-68	-2
Gene Sauers	34-34-68	-2
Wes Young	35-33-68	-2
Mark Dawson	34-35-69	-1
Michael Allen	36-33-69	-1
Jeff Sluman	34-34-69	-1
Bart Bryant	34-36-70	-1
Paul Goydos	37-34-70	-1
Jeff Maggert	35-34-70	-1
Esteban Toledo	34-37-71	+1
John Huh	37-34-71	+1
Woody Austin	36-35-71	+1
Mark Haskins	37-34-71	+1
Fred Couples	34-37-71	+1
Jeff Sluman	35-34-71	+1
Colin Montgomerie	33-38-71	+1
Duffy Waldorf	35-37-72	+2
Mark Haskins	37-34-72	+2
Doug Garwood	37-37-74	+4
Mark Haskins	37-37-74	+4
Fred Couples	37-37-74	+4
David Frost	38-36-74	+4

BY JOHN MARSHALL

The Associated Press

The story seems to be the same every season at Kentucky: Lose star players to the NBA, replace them with another group of one-and-doners, compete for a national championship.

The Wildcats changed the script this season: This year, the fabulous freshmen will be surrounded by other former McDonald's All-Americans who played for the NCAA title just seven months ago — a team so deep and talented that coach John Calipari is considering a platoon system.

Kentucky was the runaway No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason Top 25 released Friday, becoming the fourth program to earn the honor in consecutive seasons.

"It's something for our kids to live up to," Calipari said. "At the end of the day, you've got to play the games and figure it out."

Kentucky earned 52 first-place votes from the 65-member panel in landing its fourth preseason No. 1. The Wildcats also were No. 1 in 1995-96, when they won the national championship, and in 1980-81.

Kentucky joins UCLA (1966-60, 1971-74), UNLV (1990-91) and North Carolina (2008-09) to be named preseason No. 1 consecutive seasons since the AP poll started in 1961-62.

Arizona is ranked No. 2 and received five first-place votes after adding a strong recruiting class to a team that came within seconds of reaching the Final Four last season.

Wisconsin, which returns most of last season's Final Four team, has its highest preseason ranking ever at No. 3. The Badgers received eight first-place votes, but are 35 points behind Arizona in the poll.

No. 4 Duke added a strong recruiting class headed by Jahill Okafor. Reloaded Kansas is No. 5, with North Carolina, Florida, Louisville, Virginia and Texas rounding out the top 10. Virginia is in the preseason top 10 for the

The AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' preseason 2014-15 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2013-14 records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final ranking.

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kentucky (52)	33-5	1,504	4
2. Arizona (5)	33-5	1,518	4
3. North Carolina (6)	30-8	1,453	12
4. Duke	26-9	1,415	8
5. Kansas	25-10	1,346	10
6. North Carolina	24-10	1,274	19
7. Florida	36-3	1,153	3
8. Louisville	31-6	1,114	5
9. Virginia	30-7	1,090	3
10. Texas	24-11	1,051	2
11. Wichita St.	35-1	1,027	2
12. Villanova	29-5	885	6
13. Gonzaga	29-7	840	—
14. Iowa St.	28-8	761	9
15. VCU	26-9	574	24
16. San Diego St.	31-5	560	13
17. UConn	22-8	552	18
18. Michigan St.	29-9	521	11
19. Oklahoma	23-10	424	21
20. Ohio St.	22-10	340	22
21. Nebraska	19-13	309	—
22. SMU	22-0	285	—
23. Syracuse	28-6	178	14
24. Michigan	28-9	167	7
25. Harvard	27-5	98	—

Others receiving votes: Stanford 71, Iowa 58, Colorado 87, UCLA 35, Minnesota 34, Kansas 27, Arkansas 21, Pittsburgh 20, Memphis 15, NC State 14, Louisiana Tech 9, Cincinnati 8, LSU 8, George Washington 7, Dayton 6, Drexel 6, Oklahoma St. 6, Florida St. 6, Georgetown 5, Illinois 3, Maryland 3, BYU 2, UNLV 2, Baylor 1, Stephen F. Austin 1, UTEP 1, West Virginia 1.

first time since Ralph Sampson's senior season in 1982-83, when it was No. 1.

"I think there are probably seven teams that all could be No. 1 in the country," Calipari said.

Wichita State, a Final Four team two seasons ago, is No. 11, followed by Villanova, Gonzaga, Iowa State, Virginia Commonwealth, San Diego State, defending national champion Connecticut, Michigan State, Oklahoma and Ohio State.

Rounding out the Top 25 are Nebraska, SMU, Syracuse, Michigan, Harvard and Utah.

They'll all be chasing Kentucky, at least at the start.



JAMES CRISP/AP

Kentucky's Andrew Harrison ducks during an intrasquad scrimmage on Monday in Lexington, Ky.

Briefly

Sandoval, Shields among 121 free agents

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball's business season began Thursday when 121 players received free agents, a group that includes Pablo Sandoval, Michael Morse, Jake Peavy, Sergio Romo and Ryan Vogelsong of the World Series champion San Francisco Giants.

James Shields, Nori Aoki and Jason Frasor of the AL champion Kansas City Royals are also among the players who became free.

Up to 30 more players can become eligible, depending on contract options.

Top free agent pitchers also include Max Scherzer and Jon Lester. Among the top hitters are shortstop Hanley Ramirez, outfielder Nelson Cruz and designated hitter Victor Martinez.

In other baseball news:
■ Former Red Sox infielder Kevin Youkilis is retiring, his agent says. Youkilis played parts of nine seasons in Boston and was a part of World Series teams in 2004 and '07. He was traded to the Chicago White Sox in 2012 and then played an injury-shortened year with the New York Yankees before spending last season in

all-star teams and received the 2008 Hank Aaron Award as the best hitter in the AL.

Rex picks Jets' QB: 'that Bumgarner guy'

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Despite his Jets' 1-7 start, Rex Ryan has at least been able to maintain his sense of humor.

He joked after practice Thursday that he might go with "that Bumgarner guy" as his quarterback this week.

Ryan was referring to San Francisco Giants star left-hander Madison Bumgarner, who led the Giants to the World Series title over the Kansas City Royals.

In all seriousness, Ryan will be sticking with his own lefty, Michael Vick, to start Sunday at Kansas City against the Chiefs.

Gene Smith, who started the first 24 games of his NFL career, appears likely to be available after practicing fully Thursday.

In other NFL news:
■ Washington Redskins coach Jay Gruden says he has "every intent" of starting Robert Griffin III on Sunday against the Minnesota Vikings.

Gruden said Thursday that the Redskins feel Griffin is 100 percent recovered from a dislocated left ankle suffered in Week 2.

■ The San Diego Chargers will lose rookie cornerback Jason Verrett for at least one game with a torn labrum in his left shoulder.

Jazz, Burks agree on 4-year, \$42M extension

A person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press that the Utah Jazz have agreed with guard Alec Burks on a four-year, \$42 million extension that could be worth \$45 million after incentives.

Burks was the 12th overall pick in 2011. He averaged 14.0 points and 3.3 rebounds in his third season in the league last year and is off to a nice start this season with 16.5 points in his first 10 games.

In other NBA news:
■ The Hornets announced they've signed Kemba Walker to a contract extension.

A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press the deal was worth \$45 million over four years.

AUTO RACING



STEVE HELBER/AP

Kevin Harvick watches his crew in the garage as he waits for practice to begin for last weekend's race in Martinsville, Va. Harvick was in the top 10 before he spun out and wound up finishing 33rd.

SHR: Don't bet against Harvick in next 2 races

By JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

Tony Stewart has never been fond of predictions and when asked, he almost always gives the answer to that, "If I knew the answer to that, I'd probably be a bookie in Las Vegas."

Yet when it comes to teammate Kevin Harvick's chances of advancing out of the next round of NASCAR's playoffs, the co-owner of Stewart-Haas Racing suddenly sounded like an odds-maker.

"There's nobody I'd put money on in a two-race deal more than him," Stewart said of Harvick.

Harvick, who has consistently had one of the fastest cars all season, has been backed into a corner in the third round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Matt Kenseth spun him on a restart Sunday at Martinsville Speedway, where Harvick finished 33rd. It dropped him to last in the eight-driver Chase field, with two races to either climb to fourth in the standings or to earn the automatic berth that comes with a victory.

Only four drivers will race for the championship in the Nov. 16 finale at Homestead, where Harvick spent Tuesday and Wednesday testing with SHR.

There was palpable disappointment throughout the SHR organization at Martinsville, where Harvick had climbed from 33rd

By the numbers

10

Number of times driver Kevin Harvick has qualified for NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

0

Number of times Harvick has won the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

3

Number of Sprint Cup races Harvick has won this year, including three weeks ago at Charlotte.

SOURCE: NASCAR.com

to inside the top 10 before Kenseth spun him, but no one was ready to count him out.

Although he's never won a Cup

race at Texas, site of Sunday's event, he has been strong on 1.5-milers this year and won at Charlotte earlier this month. The Texas race will also mark Harvick's 500th career start.

Then he moves to Phoenix, the site of the final race of this round and where Harvick is a five-time winner. His winning streak includes three of the last four races.

"I think we feel good going to Texas, and Phoenix is one of his favorite tracks," said Stewart.

SHR competition director Greg Zipadelli noted that Harvick can climb out of a hole.

"He seems to do well when his back is against the wall and I think he wants it," Zipadelli said. "Nobody is going to give you it. Racing for years, you gotta go earn it, you gotta race it and some days things stack against you and you've got to go see what you're made of. We'll go to the next couple of races and see what we've got."

"I believe in our people, I believe in our equipment, so we've just got to do it," Rodney Childers said. "Our Texas and Phoenix cars are already ready. There's nothing we need to change or do differently. We've just got to go win a race."

Around the tracks

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

This week: AAA Texas 500 at Fort Worth, Texas.

Track: Texas Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

Race distance: 501 miles, 334 laps.

TV: AFN-Xtra, 9 p.m. Sunday, Central European Time.

Last year: Jimmie Johnson took the points lead en route to his sixth season championship.

Last week: Dale Earnhardt Jr. won at Martinsville, a week after he was eliminated from the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Next race: Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500, Nov. 9, Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.

Online: nascar.com

POINTS STANDINGS

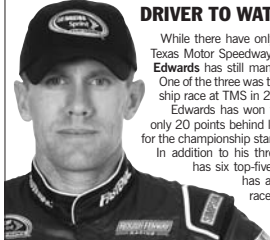
1. Jeff Gordon	4,044
2. Ryan Newman	4,041
3. Joey Logano	4,040
4. Matt Kenseth	4,039
5. Denny Hamlin	4,037
6. Carl Edwards	4,024
7. Brad Keselowski	4,013
8. Kevin Harvick	4,011
9. Kyle Busch	2,230
10. AJ Allmendinger	2,198
11. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2,196
12. Jimmie Johnson	2,186
13. Greg Biffle	2,178
14. Casey Mears	2,173
15. Kurt Busch	2,155
16. Aric Almirola	2,124
17. Kyle Larson	981
18. Clint Bowyer	923
19. Austin Dillon	910
20. Jamie McMurray	906

DRIVER TO WATCH

While there have only been 27 Sprint Cup races at Texas Motor Speedway since it opened in 1997, Carl Edwards has still managed to win there three times. One of the three was the first Chase for the championship race at TMS in 2005.

Edwards has won two races this season and sits only 20 points behind leader Jeff Gordon in the Chase for the championship standings.

In addition to his three victories in Texas, Edwards has six top-five and eight top-10 finishes. He has an average finish of 15.5 in 19 races.



NATIONWIDE SERIES

This week: O'Reilly Auto Parts Challenge at Fort Worth, Texas.

Track: Texas Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

Race distance: 300 miles, 200 laps.

TV: Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m. Sunday, Central European Time.

Last year: Brad Keselowski raced to the sixth of his seven 2013 victories.

Last week: Keselowski won at Charlotte on Oct. 10 for his fourth victory in nine starts this season.

Next race: DAV 200, Nov. 8, Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.

Online: nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

This week: WinStar World Casino & Resort 350 at Fort Worth, Texas.

Track: Texas Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

Race distance: 220.5 miles, 147 laps.

Last year: Ty Dillon raced to the second of his two 2013 victories.

Last week: Darrell Wallace Jr. won at Martinsville, a year after he won at the track to become the first black driver to win a national NASCAR race since Wendell Scott in 1963.

Next race: Lucas Oil 150, Nov. 7, Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.

Online: nascar.com

FORMULA ONE

This week: U.S. Grand Prix at Austin, Texas.

Track: Circuit of The Americas (road course, 3.427 miles).

Race distance: 191.94 miles, 56 laps.

Last year: Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel raced to his eighth consecutive victory to break Michael Schumacher's season record. Vettel won the season-ending Brazilian Grand Prix the following week to match Schumacher's record of 13 victories in a Lewis.

Last week: Mercedes' Nico Hamilton won the Russian Grand Prix on Oct. 12 for his fourth straight victory and ninth of the year.

Next race: Brazilian Grand Prix, Nov. 9, Autodromo Jose Carlos Pace, Sao Paulo.

Online: formula1.com

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

This week: Toyota Nationals at Las Vegas.

Track: The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

TV: Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 7 a.m. Wednesday, Central European Time.

Last year: John Force won his record 16th Funny Car season title, beating daughter Courtney Force in the final round. Matt Smith won in Pro Stock Motorcycle to take the season title. Antron Brown won in Top Fuel event, and Shane Gray topped the Pro Stock field.

Last event: Matt Hagan won Oct. 5 in Monticello, Penn., to take the Funny Car points lead. He has two victories in the first four races in the Countdown to the Championship playoffs. Tony Schumacher won in Top Fuel to extend his season lead. He has three Countdown victories. Rodger Brogdon won in Pro Stock, and Eddie Krawiec in Pro Stock Motorcycle.

Next event: Auto Club Finals, Nov. 13-16, Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, Pomona, Calif.

Online: nhra.com

— The Associated Press

College GameDay



STEVE CANNON/AP

Player to watch

Everett Golson QB/Notre Dame

The Heisman Trophy contender has completed 166 of his 268 pass attempts for 1,996 yards and has 19 touchdowns (ranked 18th nationally) and six interceptions. Navy and the Irish are facing off for the 88th consecutive year. While Notre Dame holds an overwhelming 74-12-1 series record, the Midshipmen have won three times in the past seven seasons.

No. 6 Notre Dame vs. Navy at FedEx Field, Landover, Md.
1 a.m. Sunday, Central European Time
AFN-Atlantic



BUTCH DILL/AP

Auburn's Jonathan Jones intercepts a pass intended for South Carolina wide receiver Shaq Roland in the end zone last week. Jones and the No. 4 Tigers face No. 7 Mississippi on Saturday (AFN-Sports, midnight Sunday CET; 8 a.m. Japan/Korea), a game with both conference and playoff implications.

THE POWER CONFERENCES

ACC			
Atlantic Division			
Conf.	W	L	All
Florida St.	0	8	0
Clemson	5	1	6
Louisville	4	3	6
Boston College	2	2	5
Syracuse	1	3	5
NC State	0	4	4
Wake Forest	0	4	2
Coastal Division			
Conf.	W	L	All
Duke	2	1	6
Georgia Tech.	2	1	6
North Carolina	2	2	4
Miami	2	2	5
Pittsburgh	2	2	4
Virginia	2	2	4
Virginia Tech.	1	3	4

Game of the week: No. 24 Duke at Pittsburgh. The first-place Blue Devils can take another step toward a repeat ACC title game trip with a victory over a Pitt team coming off a turnover-filled loss to Georgia Tech. The Panthers won a 58-55 shootout last year — the second-highest-scoring game in ACC history — but Duke's defense has only allowed two opponents to reach 20 points this year.

Inside the numbers: North Carolina is 10 points away from being 1-7, and their last two victories have come in tight fashion against Georgia Tech (48-43) and Virginia (28-27). Three losses have come by at least 15 points.

Player to watch: Boston College RB Jon Hillman. The freshman has four multi-touchdown games, scored twice during his 101-yard performance last week at Wake Forest and now faces a Virginia Tech defense that last week gave up 249 yards rushing and two scores to Miami's Duke Johnson.

Big Ten			
East			
Conf.	W	L	All
Michigan St.	4	0	7
Ohio St.	3	0	6
Maryland	2	2	5
Penn St.	2	1	3
Rutgers	1	3	5
Michigan	1	3	5
Indiana	0	3	4
West			
Conf.	W	L	All
Nebraska	3	1	7
Minnesota	3	1	6
Iowa	2	1	5
Wisconsin	2	2	5
Northwestern	2	2	4
Purdue	1	3	5
Illinois	1	3	4

Game of the week: No. 17 Nebraska vs. Purdue. The Cornhuskers (7-1, 3-1) go into Saturday's home game against Purdue (3-5, 1-3) tied with Minnesota for first in the West. Four teams in the division have one conference loss. With Nebraska in control of its destiny at the halfway point of the conference schedule, coach Bo Pelini is doing what he can to minimize the chance of underperforming.

Inside the numbers: Big Ten backfields feature the top three rushers in the nation. Indiana's Tevin Coleman leads all players with 170.3 yards per contest, followed by Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon with 166.9 yards per game. Nebraska's Ameer Abdullah ranks third with an average of 156.1.

Players to watch: Wisconsin's Joel Stave and Tanner McEvoy. Last week's win over Maryland proved that the Badgers' two quarterback system can work, combining for no interceptions or turnovers.

Big 12			
Conf.	W	L	All
Kansas St.	4	0	6
West Virginia	4	1	6
TCU	3	1	6
Oklahoma St.	3	2	5
Oklahoma	2	2	5
Texas	2	3	3
Texas Tech.	1	4	2
Iowa St.	0	4	2
Kansas	0	4	2

Game of the week: No. 10 TCU at No. 20 West Virginia. Former Mountain West champ TCU (6-1, 3-1 Big 12) and past Big East champ WVU (6-2, 4-1) are Big 12 contenders. The Frogs are coming off a record 82 points against Texas Tech, and lead the Big 12 with 504.4 points a game. WVU's four-game winning streak includes a 41-27 win in its last home game against then-No. 4 Baylor, which before that averaged nearly 53 points a game.

Inside the numbers: Kansas LB Ben Heeney leads the Big 12 with 12 tackles per game, with at least 10 in the first half in each of the last two games.

Players to watch: Texas senior linebackers Jordan Hicks and Steve Edmond. Hicks and Edmond have combined for 185 tackles, 19 for losses with five sacks.

Pac-12			
North			
Conf.	W	L	All
Oregon	4	1	7
Stanford	3	2	5
California	3	2	4
Washington	1	3	5
Oregon St.	1	3	4
Washington St.	1	4	2
South			
Conf.	W	L	All
Arizona St.	4	1	6
Arizona	3	1	6
Utah	3	1	6
Southern Cal	4	2	5
UCLA	3	2	6
Colorado	0	5	2

Game of the week: No. 15 Arizona State at No. 18 Utah. The Sun Devils are still in the playoff mix, but will first have to get by the Utes, who still have playoff aspirations of their own. Utah, at 6-1, is No. 17 in the CFB poll and 18th in the AP poll. The Utes beat USC last week and UCLA earlier in the season, but have a home loss to Washington State.

Inside the numbers: The five conference teams ranked in this week's AP Top 25 (Oregon, Arizona State, Arizona, Utah, and UCLA) have a combined overall road record of 17-0.

Player to watch: Oregon RB Royce Freeman. The freshman ran for rushed for 112 yards and two touchdowns in Oregon's 59-41 win over California last week, keeping the 5-foot-11, 229-pound running back on pace to reach the 1,000-yard mark and taking some pressure off QB Marcus Mariota and the rest of the Ducks' offense.

SERVICE ACADEMIES

Air Force at Army
Last week: Did not play
Next game: vs. Connecticut at Bronx, N.Y., Nov. 8

Army does not play
Last week: Did not play
Next game: at UNLV, Nov. 8

Navy vs. Notre Dame
Last week: Beat San Jose State 41-31
Next game: vs. Georgia Southern, Nov. 15

AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Thursday

No. 2 Florida State 42, Louisville 31

Saturday

No. 1 Mississippi State vs. Arkansas
No. 4 Auburn at No. 7 Mississippi
No. 5 Oregon vs. Stanford
No. 6 Notre Dame vs. Navy at Landover, Md.
No. 9 Georgia vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla.
No. 10 TCU at No. 20 West Virginia
No. 11 Kansas State vs. Oklahoma State
No. 12 Baylor vs. Kansas
No. 13 Ohio State vs. Illinois
No. 14 Arizona at No. 25 UCLA
No. 15 Arizona State vs. No. 18 Utah
No. 17 Nebraska vs. Purdue
No. 19 Oklahoma at Iowa State
No. 21 East Carolina at Temple
No. 24 Duke at Pittsburgh

SEC			
East			
Conf.	W	L	All
Georgia	4	1	6
Louisville	3	1	6
Missouri	3	2	5
Florida	2	3	3
South Carolina	2	3	4
Tennessee	4	0	5
Vanderbilt	0	5	2
West			
Conf.	W	L	All
Mississippi St.	4	0	7
Mississippi	4	1	6
Alabama	4	1	7
Auburn	3	2	7
Texas	2	3	5
Kansas	2	3	5
Arkansas	0	4	4

Game of the week: No. 4 Auburn at No. 7 Mississippi. Saturday's game sets up a likely knockout scenario with the loser sinking to two losses and little chance of jumping back into the College Football Playoff bracket. Ole Miss must recover quickly after its first loss of the season last weekend — a 10-7 setback to LSU.

Inside the numbers: Arkansas will be facing a fifth consecutive conference game against a top-10 opponent Saturday when it visits No. 1 Mississippi State. This marks the first time in Football Bowl Subdivision history that anyone has played five straight conference games against teams ranked 10th or higher.

Player to watch: Florida quarterback Treon Harris. The freshman makes his first career start Saturday against No. 9 Georgia. The job security of Gators coach Will Muschamp could rest on whether Harris can lead the Gators to an upset.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Who else has shot at playoff?

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

The first games after the release of the College Football Playoff rankings have a chance to reveal some new contenders.

Games to watch if you're looking for playoff hopefuls outside the obvious:

■ **Oklahoma State at Kansas State (CFP 9) and Kansas at Baylor (CFP 13):** The Wildcats are ninth in the playoff rankings, behind TCU among Big 12 rivals. K-State still has most of its pivotal Big 12 games ahead with Baylor, West Virginia and TCU. That loss to Auburn is good news, bad news. The good news is the Wildcats played a high-quality game against a high-level opponent. The bad news is if it comes down to K-State and Auburn for a spot, the Tigers hold a trump card. Baylor was 13th in the playoff rankings. The Bears have one great win against TCU, and that's it. Still, Baylor has time and opportunity to bolster that résumé. Both the Bears and Wildcats should roll Saturday.

■ **Illinois at Ohio State (CFP 16) and Purdue at Nebraska (CFP 15):** Michigan State seems to be in the driver's seat in the Big Ten, but don't discount the Cornhuskers and Buckeyes. If either can win the table and finish 12-1 with a conference title they'll be in the hunt. Ohio State has that loss to Virginia Tech weighing it down, but it gets Michigan State next week with a chance to help bury that performance. The Huskers lost at Michigan State and could draw a rematch in the Big Ten title game. Of course, games like these don't do much to enhance the cases for the best Big Ten teams.

■ **Arizona (CFP 12) at UCLA (CFP 22) and Utah (CFP 17) at Arizona State (CFP 14):** The Pac-12 is going to grind up playoff contenders, and its champion could easily emerge from this group of South Division rivals. The Utes can take control of the division with a victory in Tempe, especially if UCLA beats Arizona. But there is so much more to come. Utah hosts Oregon, the highest-ranked Pac-12 team, next week, and eventually the Wildcats and Sun Devils will have to sort out the Territorial Cup. Here's the big question with the Pac-12: Can a two-loss champion from West get into the playoff?



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Wide receiver Tyler Lockett and Kansas State still have games ahead against Baylor, West Virginia and TCU.



GARRY JONES/AP

Louisville's Michael Dyer, center, is wrapped up by Florida State's Reggie Northrup and Derrick Mitchell Jr., rear, during the second half of Thursday's game in Louisville, Ky. Florida State rallied from a 21-point deficit to win the game 42-31.

Behind: Road victory satisfying for Fisher

FROM BACK PAGE

coming in but has had problems scoring points.

Which is what made this victory all the more critical and special to Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher.

"It's a very tough win. It's a tough road win," Fisher said. "Any time you win on the road, no matter what, Thursday nights, and in a good environment, it's a good win."

Things we learned from the Seminoles-Cardinals thriller:

Jameis is fine: Winston sustained a right ankle injury in the second half that required treatment on the sideline, but neither he nor Fisher seemed to be too concerned about it. It certainly didn't seem to bother him as he threw for 278 of his 401 yards in the final 30 minutes. He threw a 69-yard touchdown pass to Travis Rudolph and a 47-yarder to Ermon Lane along with one to Stevenson to seal it.

The champ is here: Muhammad Ali's presence brought a big cheer when the former heavyweight champion and Louisville native was shown on the video screen following a montage of his most famous moments. And much like the Rumble in the Jungle that Ali won over George Foreman on this night 40 years ago, Florida State got off the ropes to knock out Louisville behind some big blows from Winston.

Cardinals' dynamic duo: A foot injury sidelined Louisville wide receiver DeVante Parker for the first seven games while a thigh contusion hampered Michael Dyer for four. Those injuries are distant memo-

ries for both as they combined for 348 of the Cardinals' 488 yards. Parker caught eight passes for a career-high 214 yards while Dyer rushed for three TDs. The former Auburn star has run for 307 yards the past two games.

Goal-line luck: Florida State made big plays in the north end zone on both sides of the ball. After a goal-line stand on Louisville's first drive, the Seminoles got a very fortunate bounce on Karlos Williams' fumble when Nick O'Leary came up with the ball for their first touchdown just before halftime. That fluky play seemed to shake the 'Noles from their funk.

Vulnerable defense: Louisville's once-fierce defense has allowed 351 yards to North Carolina State and 574 to the Seminoles. Things don't get any easier for the Cardinals, who travel to Notre Dame on Nov. 22 and host improved Kentucky in the season finale. But they know the defense must improve. "We want to put this behind us as soon as possible because like I say all the time, we can't go into next week with this mentality," linebacker Lorenzo Mauldin said.

Cook steps up: Freshman Dalvin Cook found running room against Louisville for TDs of 40 and 38 yards that helped turn the game as much as Winston's arm. His second TD with 3:46 left put Florida State ahead for good and nobody was shocked by his 110-yard effort on nine carries. "Young guys have been stepping up every single game," Winston said. "They helped us get a critical touchdown. Dalvin had an amazing game."



TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Florida State's Travis Rudolph catches a pass from quarterback Jameis Winston that resulted in a 69-yard touchdown for the Seminoles in the third quarter.

NFL

Scoreboard

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	3	0	.625	238	177
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	178	165
Miami	4	3	0	.571	174	151
N.Y. Jets	1	7	0	.125	144	228
Indianapolis	5	3	0	.625	250	187
Houston	4	4	0	.500	185	166
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250	137	202
Jacksonville	1	7	0	.125	118	218
Cincinnati	4	1	1	.643	161	164
Baltimore	5	3	0	.625	217	131
Pittsburgh	3	4	0	.429	205	196
Cleveland	4	3	0	.571	163	152
Denver	6	1	0	.857	224	142
San Diego	5	3	0	.625	205	149
Kansas City	4	3	0	.571	176	128
Oakland	0	7	0	.000	105	181

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	2	0	.750	213	167
Philadelphia	5	2	0	.714	203	156
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	154	169
Washington	3	5	0	.375	171	200
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	227	198
Carolina	3	5	1	.389	177	236
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	152	221
Tampa Bay	1	6	0	.143	133	223
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	162	126
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	222	191
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	180	222
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	139	173
Arizona	6	1	0	.857	164	139
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	158	165
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	172	150
St. Louis	2	5	0	.286	136	210

Thursday's game

New Orleans 28, Carolina 10

Sunday's games

Arizona at Dallas
Philadelphia at Houston
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City
Washington at Minnesota
Tampa Bay at Cleveland
Jacksonville at Cincinnati
San Diego at Miami
St. Louis at San Francisco
Oakland at Seattle
Denver at New England
Baltimore at Pittsburgh
Open: Atlanta, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay, Tennessee
Monday's game
Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Sunday, Nov. 9
San Francisco at New Orleans
Kansas City at Buffalo
Miami at Detroit
Tennessee at Baltimore
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets
Atlanta at Tampa Bay
Dallas vs. Jacksonville at London
N.Y. Giants at Seattle
San Diego at Arizona
Chicago at Green Bay
Green Bay, Houston, Indianapolis, Minnesota, New England, San Diego, Washington
Monday, Nov. 10
Carolina at Philadelphia

Thursday

Saints 28, Panthers 10

New Orleans	0	14	7	—28
Carolina	0	0	7	—10
Second Quarter				
NO—Ingram 3 run (S.Graham kick), 2:38.				
NO—Graham 1 pass from Brees (S.Graham kick), 0:3.				
Third Quarter				
Car—Newton 10 run (Gano kick), 10:14.				
NO—Brees 1 run (S.Graham kick), 4:04.				
Fourth Quarter				
Car—FG Gano 31, 12:57.				
NO—Ingram 3 run (S.Graham kick), 5:50.				
A—73,663.				

First downs	20	Car 15
Total Net Yards	375	231
Rushes-yards	37-105	23-109
Passing	27-105	12-72
Int. Returns	2-2	0-0
Kickoff Returns	0-0	4-89
Interceptions Ret.	1-2	1-24
Comp.-Att.-Int.	24-34-1	10-28-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-27	4-29
Fumbles-Lost	4-6-8	6-6-2
Penalties-Yards	3-1	1-1
Time of Possession	34:53	24:42

Rushing—New Orleans, Ingram 30-100, Brees 4-2, Baker 1-2, Cadet 2-1, Carolina, Stewart 8-46, Newton 7-43, D.Williams 8-20.

Passing—New Orleans, Brees 24-34-1, 297, Carolina, Newton 10-28-1, 151.

Receiving—New Orleans, Brees 1-1, 10, Watson 1-4, Carolina, Olsen 3-30, Colchery 2-59, Benjamin 1-25, D.Williams 1-30, Avant 1-3, E.Williams 1-4.

Calendar

Dec. 28 — Regular season ends.
Jan. 3-4, 2015 — Wild-card playoffs.
Jan. 10-11 — Divisional playoffs.
Jan. 18 — Conference championships.



MIKE MCCARN/AP

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees dives over the goal line for a touchdown in the second half against the Carolina Panthers on Thursday night in Charlotte, N.C. Brees also passed for 297 yards and a TD in the Saints' 28-10 victory.

New Orleans gets road win, bit of revenge at Carolina

By STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — While much of the talk was about whether New Orleans could win a big game — or any game, for that matter — on the road, the conversation in the Saints' locker room was about something

completely different.

Revenge.
The Saints weren't focused on breaking a seven-game road losing streak dating to last season. They were stinging from their fourth loss at Carolina last December that allowed the Panthers to take the NFC South lead and eventually win the division title.

So New Orleans' 28-10 victory Thursday night left the Saints (4-4) feeling pretty good. "We knew we had a chance to take control of the division," said Mark Ingram, who ran for 100 yards on 30 carries. "We lost to them here at the end of last season so we felt like we left something here. We had to come back and take care of business."

Said Saints coach Sean Payton: "We had a hard loss here last year, a tough loss. At halftime, we talked about that finish."

The Saints are .500 for the first time this season and right now that is good enough to lead the NFC South.

And they are clearly playing better than any of their division rivals.

Here are some things we learned from the Saints' victory over the Panthers (3-5-1):

Saints come running in: The Saints are dangerous enough with quarterback Drew Brees, but the idea of New Orleans having a running game is downright scary. Ingram has rushed for 272 yards and three touchdowns in back-to-back victories. "It wasn't always pretty, and yet, we were able to control the game a little bit," Payton said. "That was a big plus." The Saints are putting up big numbers with Pierre Thomas and Khiry Robinson still out with injuries.

Hardy gone for season: The Panthers certainly need help on defense, but it isn't going to come in the form of Pro Bowl defensive end Greg Hardy. A person familiar with the situation says Hardy's domestic violence appeal trial set for Nov. 17 has been postponed until next year, meaning his season — and his

career — with Carolina could be over. The Panthers placed Hardy on the exempt-commissioner's permission list Sept. 17. He isn't allowed to return until after his trial is resolved. He will be an unrestricted free agent after the season.

Where's the offense? The Panthers have failed to break the 10-point plateau in each of the past two games. Cam Newton has not thrown a TD pass in either game, although rookie Kelvin Benjamin has dropped two passes in the end zone. "Everybody's looking for a magic play," said Newton, who misfired on 18 of 28 passes and threw for 151 yards. "Everybody's looking for somebody to say something, for somebody to do something and take responsibility for themselves. I know I am. I need to be better."

Benjamin's struggles: For the second consecutive week, Panthers rookie Benjamin dropped a potential TD pass in the end zone. Newton bailed him out by rushing for a touchdown a few plays later, but it's becoming a problem for a team that is struggling to put points on the board. "I thought the ball was delivered at a pretty good spot," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said of the drop. "It was coming in hot and there was a defender on him but he has made those catches and as he grows and develops as a receiver he'll know he has to make all those plays."

Protecting Cam: Clearly Carolina's injuries on the offensive line have become an issue. The injury-plagued Panthers played without three starters on the offensive line, including left tackle Byron Bell. Both starting guards were also out. Against the Saints the Panthers started a pair of undrafted rookies in left tackle David Foucault and left guard Andrew Norwell. "I thought our young guys fought and battled and tried to do the best they can," Rivera said. "They came up against a veteran defense as well that did some things that were a little different. I thought our young guys tried to hang in there and do the best they could."



NBA



TONY DEJAK/AP

The Cavaliers' Kevin Love, top, battles for a loose ball with the New York Knicks' Amar'e Stoudemire, left, and Shane Larkin on Thursday in Cleveland. The Knicks won 95-90.

Knicks spoil homecoming

James struggles as Cavaliers lose in emotional Cleveland return

By TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James shot miserably. His passes were errant. He didn't look good doing much other than tossing powder in the air.

His homecoming was horrendous. "I didn't press," James said, dismissing nerves as a factor. "I didn't do much."

James struggled from the start in his first game with Cleveland in four years, and the New York



James

Knicks ruined the megastar's emotional return home with a 95-90 victory over the Cavaliers on Thursday night.

James, who returned to the Cavs and his native Ohio this summer after winning two NBA titles in

Miami, finished with 17 points on 5-for-15 shooting. He also committed eight turnovers and never looked comfortable on a night when the entire city — and a star-studded crowd — celebrated his comeback.

"It was a special night," he said. "I'm glad it was great, but I'm also glad it's over."

Kyrie Irving scored 22 and Kevin Love added 19 points and 14 rebounds for the Cavs, who have some work to do before they can start thinking about winning any titles.

Roundup

Thunder lose star PG Westbrook to broken hand in loss to Clippers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Clippers didn't shoot well, couldn't build more than a 10-point lead, and still managed to usher in the Steve Ballmer era with a victory for their new owner.



Ballmer

Blake Griffin scored 23 points, making two free throws with five seconds left, and Chris Paul added 22 in a season-opening 93-90 win

Thursday over the Oklahoma City Thunder, who lost another star to injury when Russell Westbrook broke his right hand. "It was pretty ugly," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "We have 81 more games to fix it."

Westbrook left Staples Center wearing a soft cast on his hand and didn't talk with reporters. He will be reassessed Friday.

Mavericks 120, Jazz 102: Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points and Dallas celebrated the return of two key pieces from the franchise's only championship team in a home-opening win over Utah's Tyson Chandler, the center and emotional leader when Dallas beat Miami for the title three

years ago, had 13 points and six rebounds in his first home game since leaving in free agency not long after celebrating the crown.

J.J. Barea, the diminutive guard and 2011 NBA Finals spark who was re-acquired a day earlier, got a standing ovation when he came off the bench late in the first quarter. He had four points.

Wizards 105, Magic 98: John Wall had 30 points and 12 assists, and Washington held off a late surge to beat host Orlando.

Timberwolves 97, Pistons 91: Thaddeus Young scored 19 points and hit a big three-point with 90 seconds to play to lift Minnesota over visiting Detroit.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Boston	1	0	1.000
Toronto	1	0	1.000
New York	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
Brooklyn	0	1	.000
Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Miami	1	0	1.000
Charlotte	1	0	1.000
Washington	0	1	.500
Atlanta	0	1	.000
Orlando	0	2	.000
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Indiana	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	0	1	.000
Milwaukee	0	1	.000
Detroit	0	2	.000

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	2	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	½
Memphis	1	0	1.000	½
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	½
Dallas	1	1	.500	1
Northwest Division				
Portland	1	0	1.000	—
Denver	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	1	1	.500	½
Utah	0	2	.000	1½
Oklahoma City	0	2	.000	1½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	1	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	1	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	0	1	.000	1
Lakers	0	1	.000	1½

Wednesday's games

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Boston	1	0	1.000
Toronto	1	0	1.000
New York	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
Brooklyn	0	1	.000
Southeast Division			
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Milwaukee	0	1	.000
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Minnesota 97, Pistons 91

DETROIT — Single 2-6 0-0 5, Smith 5-16 0-10, Drummond 5-14 1-4 1-1, Jennings 2-4 0-0 4, Caldwell-Pope 5-13 0-2 11, Butler 10-14 0-0 4-0, Augustin 5-18 7-7 20, Anthony 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 38-91 13-91.

MINNESOTA — Brewer 3-6 1-2 8, Young 7-13 3-15, Pekovic 7-13 3-17, Rubio 4-10 2-11, Wiggins 4-9 1-3 8, Deng 1-2 2-2 4, K. Martin 3-8 5-12, Muhammad 0-0 1-2 1, Williams 6-11 2-13, Bennett 2-4 0-4, LaVine 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 37-76 19-28 97.

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Minnesota 21 21 21 26-91

Three-Point Goals—Detroit 7-21 (Butler 4-7, Caldwell-Pope 1-2, Single 1-4, Augustin 1-5, Jerabek 0-1, Smith 0-2), Minnesota 4-10 (Young 2-4, Brewer 1-1, K. Martin 1-2, Williams 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 56 (Drummond 12), Minnesota 50 (Pekovic 10). Assists—Detroit 20 (Jennings, Augustin 6), Minnesota 18 (Rubio 8). Total Fouls—Detroit 24, Minnesota 21. Technicals—Jennings, A.—18,296 (13,356).

Wizards 105, Magic 98

WASHINGTON — Pierce 6-13 2-2 16, Nene 5-10 2-12, Gortat 10-13 0-2 20, Wall 10-21 18-30, Temple 2-3, Adams 2-8 2-2 5, Porter Jr. 1-3 2-2 4, Rice Jr. 1-2 2-3 5, Miller 0-1 2-2 2, Humphries 0-1 0-0 0, Seraphin 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 39-80 20-26 105.

ORLANDO — Harris 4-12 5-14, Frye 12-20 0-2, Ucevich 11-21 11-23, Payton 6-2 2-4 2, Fournier 8-10 2-21 4, Gordon 2-6 1-4, Redmon 0-0 0-0 0, B.Gordon 1-1 2-6 7-22, Ridnour 4-7 0-8, Green 0-0 2-2 2, Nicholson 0-1 0-0 0, Marble 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 37-72 18-24 98.

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Three-Point Goals—Washington 7-13 (Pierce 2-2, Temple 2-3, Wall 2-5, Rice Jr. 1-2, Gordon 0-1), Orlando 6-15 (Fournier 3-8, Gordon 2-5, Harris 1-2, A. Gordon 1-2, Ridnour 0-1, Frye 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 44 (Gortat 12), Orlando 44 (Ucevich 12). Assists—Washington 22 (Wall 12), Orlando 20 (Payton 7). Totals—Washington 39, Orlando 35. Technicals—Orlando Coach Vaughn, A.—18,486 (18,500).

Clippers 93, Thunder 90

OKLAHOMA CITY — Jones 10-17 9-11 32, Ibaka 7-13 1-11 17, Adams 2-8 2-2 5, Westbrook 13-30 0-2, Barnes 3-5 3-4 9, Telfair 5-8 1-11, Holliday 2-5 2-2 6, Perkins 0-2 3-4 3, Thomas 1-3 2-2 4, Totals 28-56 28-90.

L.A. CLIPPERS — Barnes 3-6 2-0 9, Griffin 10-17 10-23, Jordan 4-6 0-8 0, Paul 9-18 2-7 22, Redick 1-0 2-2 5, Haves 2-0 0-0 0, Crawford 1-5 1-4 4, Udoh 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 34-87 18-25 93.

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L.A. Clippers 28 28 28 24-93

Three-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 6-20 (Jones 1-5, Adams 1-5, Telfair 1-5, Holliday 1-5, Perkins 0-2), Adams 0-1, Robertson 0-2, L.A. Clippers 7-39 (Farmor 2-4, Barnes 1-3, Paul 1-3, Redick 1-2, Douglas-Roberts 0-2, Haves 0-3). Fouled Out—Oklahoma City 15, Oklahoma City 6 (Adams 10), L.A. Clippers 43 (Jordan 10). Assists—Oklahoma City 23 (Telfair 7), Clippers 17 (Paul 7, Thomas 2, Westbrook 4). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 27, L.A. Clippers 27. Technicals—Oklahoma City Coach Adams, A.—19,060 (19,060).

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Road rage

Saints get revenge
in trip back to Carolina | **NFL, Page 30**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Florida State's Dalvin Cook, left, outruns the pursuit of Louisville's Charles Gaines to score a touchdown during the second half of Thursday's game in Louisville, Ky.

PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Playing from behind

No. 2 FSU rallies again, stays unbeaten

By GARY B. GRAVES
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — As bad as Jameis Winston and second-ranked Florida State looked in the first half against Louisville, the second half offered plenty of time to recover.

More impressive than rallying from a 21-0 deficit for a 42-31 victory was the gutsy poise displayed by the Heisman Trophy quarterback and his teammates.

Winston overcame three intercep-

tions with three second-half touchdown passes, including the 35-yard clincher to Freddie Stevenson with 2:11 remaining.

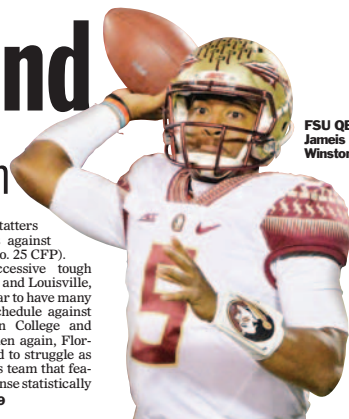
"I told them, 'We've been here before,'" Winston said. "Being down is nothing when you've got heart. Honestly, we play better when we're down. We do anything to win. We don't enjoy being down."

Not only did the Seminoles (8-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference, No. 2 College Football Playoff) extend the nation's longest winning streak to 24 games, but their national title hopes are fully intact

after appearing to be in tatters for the first 28 minutes against the Cardinals (6-3, 4-3, No. 25 CFP).

Having survived successive tough tests against Notre Dame and Louisville, the Seminoles don't appear to have many challenges left on the schedule against Virginia, Miami, Boston College and in-state rival Florida. Then again, Florida State wasn't supposed to struggle as much against a Cardinals team that featured the nation's top defense statistically

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Jameis
Winston

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